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From: lmlorjean@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 11:46 AM
To: info@mccain08hq.com
Cc: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Morgan; Katryn L (GOV)
Subject: Former Pennsylvanian living in Alaska

Hello

I am so excited about this nomination. As a citizen of Alaska who has gotten involved only recently with the political process, I identify with Sarah Palin on so many levels. My husband and I became passionate about an environmental/economic issue in Alaska and demanded action from our legislature last year. Rep Craig Johnson responded and a bill was introduced. Troy and I worked hard, as did many others, and the bill was passed unanimously in April of this year. Governor Palin attended a rally to sign the bill personally. Troy and I have been invited to speak in Washington D.C., Reno NV and other state and local events to talk about how we have been able to make a difference in Alaska through the political process. I recently had a meeting in D.C. with Henri Bisson, Deputy Director of BLM, to discuss the issues facing Alaska. We have coordinated the formation of the Anchorage Cooperative Weed Management Area and been involved with many other groups working to protect Alaska. All of this in the last year, after recognizing the consequences of inaction.

The reason I believe that Sarah Palin can make a difference and is ready for this challenge is because I have experienced living that reality myself. As a working person, a 911 dispatcher for the Anchorage Fire Department, and a regular citizen, I feel proud of what I have been able to accomplish. I recognize that being intimidated by Government, and those who hold positions in it, is not necessary and not how you make progress. When your message is true and your passion sincere, it is possible to create the change you seek.

I was a dispatcher in Fairfax County, VA on Sept 11, 2001 and was sent out to the Pentagon after the terrorist acts. I witnessed the aftermath of those acts and saw American resilience, determination and strength. My sense of country and pride was heightened then and has continued to this moment.

I am from Pennsylvania originally and have encouraged everyone I know to become involved in the process there, with PA being such a crucial swing state.

If I were writing talking points for Sarah Palin, in response to those who question whether she has the experience to handle this position:

"I accepted this responsibility from Senator McCain because I have the same faith that he does that I can do this job and do it well. I face a challenge that I look forward to with relish. I can not take time to try and convince you I CAN do the job, because I need to get busy DOING it."

To those who would question how Senator McCain could choose somebody he had only met briefly:

"Senator McCain recognized that the best possible choice for Vice President could be outside the circle of his close friends and colleagues. He spent time considering what was needed and searched throughout the country for those who could fill those needs. The search took him to Governor Palin. He brought what he and his advisors had learned to their meetings and confirmed what he believed, that Sarah Palin is all the things that the American people need in a Vice President. The search was long and difficult to complete, but in the end, the choice was easy to make."

I will be looking for ways that I can get involved in and help with the campaign. I am excited for the rest of the country to see what Alaska knows, Sarah Palin is smart, strong, compassionate and ready for this challenge.

Lori Zaumseil
Anchorage, AK
907-245-2373

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To: 'sp@hslak.com'
Cc: Hanson, Britta L (GOV); Morgan, Katryn L (GOV); McAllister, William D (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Fradley, Tara D (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sean

Governor - I have spoken to the ltgovernor and we will work through. Thanks, Janice

Sent using BlackBerry

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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Hanson, Britta L (GOV); Morgan, Katryn L (GOV); McAllister, William D (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Fradley, Tara D (GOV)

Sent: Sat Aug 30 22:12:57 2008

Subject: Sean

J- as you schedule, keep in mind the Lt. Governor is offering to pick up more of the events and speeches that I can't make, so please tap into him. Cabinet members are equipped to accept some of the invitations too. Thanks for doing so much, all! I'll see you soon- Nizich will be up there tomorrow.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 7:29 PM
To: Bruce Anders; Todd; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Hugfest

Thank you so much Bruce! I'll covet your (and your family's) prayers through this! God bless YOU!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: Bruce Anders
To: Governor Sarah Palin
To: Todd
To: Kris Perry
Sent: Aug 29, 2008 10:10 PM
Subject: Hugfest

Lunched today with Tom and Marty. We were dancing and hugging in the La Mex parking lot like kids on Christmas morning. GOD BLESS the McCain-Palin ticket, and GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Bruce

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From: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RHUGHES]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 6:19 PM
To: 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Kids 3378.jpg

Will do, Governor. How's Pennsylvania? We're praying for you.

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From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
To: K Perry Yahoo <krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Kperry <kperry@mccain08hq.com>; Leighow,
Sharon W (GOV); McAllister, William D (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Sent: Sat Aug 30 17:27:48 2008
Subject: Fw: Kids 3378.jpg

Pls give to media this most recent pic of all the kids-it's the only one of all 5 of them.

-----Original Message-----

From: fek9wnr@yahoo.com

Date: Sun, 31 Aug 2008 01:08:10

To: Sarah Heath Palin<sp@hslak.com>; Sarah<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; Sarah
Palin<gov.palin@yahoo.com>

Subject: Kids 3378.jpg

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From: McBride, Rhonda (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RMFAUBION]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 10:20 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: FW: See what I made

Sarah,

Dan McDowell made a campaign t-shirt for you. Check it out.

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From: lastfrontierman@pci.net on behalf of Dan McDowell
Sent: Sat 8/30/2008 9:08 AM
To: McBride, Rhonda (GOV)
Subject: See what I made

Rhonda.

I hope all is well..

Here is a T-shirt I had made Yesterday and wore to the state fair.

I thought you would like this one..

Show Sarah if you get the chance she will get a chuckle out of It ...

So much for the Good Ol Boy Network.

Your friend

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From: McAllister, William D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=WDMCALLISTER]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 1:32 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Hi, from Bill Kristol

Governor,

Thought you might like to see this.

Shall I travel to St. Paul as planned Monday? Anything you want in the meantime?

--Bill

Sent using BlackBerry

From: William Kristol
To: McAllister, William D (GOV)
Sent: Sat Aug 30 09:14:56 2008
Subject: Hi, from Bill Kristol

Hi there,

You must have had an interesting couple of days...Congratulations, and pls pass on to the Governor, if you would....She might be interested in my editorial in new TWS, just up online..

Would love to talk if you have a second, c: 202-230-9082

Bill K

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Let Palin Be Palin
Why the left is scared to death of McCain's running mate.
by William Kristol
09/08/2008, Volume 013, Issue 48

A spectre is haunting the liberal elites of New York and Washington--the spectre of a young, attractive, unapologetic conservatism, rising out of the American countryside, free of the taint (fair or unfair) of the Bush administration and the recent Republican Congress, able to invigorate a McCain administration and to govern beyond it.

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That spectre has a name--Sarah Palin, the 44-year-old governor of Alaska chosen by John McCain on Friday to be his running mate. There she is: a working woman who's a proud wife and mother; a traditionalist in important matters who's broken through all kinds of barriers; a reformer who's a Republican; a challenger of a corrupt good-old-boy establishment who's a conservative; a successful woman whose life is unapologetically grounded in religious belief; a lady who's a leader.

So what we will see in the next days and weeks--what we have already seen in the hours after her nomination--is an effort by all the powers of the old liberalism, both in the Democratic party and the mainstream media, to exorcise this spectre. They will ridicule her and patronize her. They will distort her words and caricature her biography. They will appeal, sometimes explicitly, to anti-small town and anti-religious prejudice. All of this will be in the cause of trying to prevent the American people from arriving at their own judgment of Sarah Palin.

That's why Palin's spectacular performance in her introduction in Dayton was so important. Her remarks were cogent and compelling. Her presentation of herself was shrewd and savvy. I heard from many who watched Palin--many of them not predisposed to support her--about how moved they were by her remarks, her composure, and her story. She will have a chance to shine again Wednesday night at the Republican convention.

But before and after that, she'll be swimming in political waters infested with sharks. Her nickname when she was the starting point guard on an Alaska high school championship basketball team was "Sarah Barracuda." I suspect she'll take care of herself better than many expect.

But the McCain campaign can help. The choice of Palin was McCain's own. Many of his staff expected, and favored, other more conventional candidates. The campaign may be tempted to overreact when one rash sentence or foolish comment by Palin from 10 or 15 years ago is dragged up by Democratic opposition research and magnified by a credulous and complicit media.

The McCain campaign will have to keep its cool. It will have to provide facts and context, and to hit back where appropriate. But it cannot become obsessed with playing defense. It should allow Palin to deal with the charges directly and resist the temptation to try to shield her from the media. Palin is potentially a huge asset to McCain. He took the gamble--wisely, we think--of putting her on the ticket. McCain's choice of Palin was McCain being McCain. Now his campaign will have to let Palin be Palin.

There will be rocky moments. But they will fade if the McCain campaign lets Palin's journey take its natural course over the next two months. Millions of Americans--mostly but not only women, mostly but not only Republicans and conservatives--seemed to get a sense of energy and enjoyment and pride, not just from her nomination, but especially from her smashing opening performance. Palin will be a compelling and mold-breaking example for lots of Americans who are told every day that to be even a bit conservative or Christian or old-fashioned is bad form. In this respect, Palin can become an inspirational figure and powerful symbol. The left senses this, which is why they want to discredit her quickly.

A key moment for Palin will be the vice presidential debate, to be held at Washington University in St. Louis on October 2. One liberal commentator--a former U.S. ambassador and not normally an unabashed vulgarian--licked his chops Friday afternoon: "To steal an old adage of former Secretary of State James Baker, putting Sarah Palin into a debate with Joe Biden is going to be like throwing Howdy Doody into a knife fight!"

Charming. And if Palin holds her own against Biden, as she is fully capable of doing? McCain will then

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have succeeded in combining with his own huge advantage in experience and judgment, a politician of great promise in his vice presidential slot who will make Joe Biden look like a tiresome relic. McCain's willingness to take a chance on Palin could turn what looked, after Obama's impressive speech Thursday night in Denver, like a long two months for Republicans and conservatives, into a campaign of excitement and--dare we say it?--hope, which will culminate on November 4 in victory.

--William Kristol

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From: K Moyer [moyerk@alaska.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2008 1:02 AM
To: Kevin Frysle FBI
Cc: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: RE: Trooper Corruption

Kevin Frysle,
FBI

RE: Trooper Corruption

Hi, my name is Keith Moyer I've been charged with a crime I did not commit.

I can prove the Troopers Office tampered with the evidence in my case. I would like to set up a meeting with someone in your office, to go over this evidence.

I've included a State DNA lab worksheet and a picture of the swabs taken at Wildwood Pretrial. Just in case you my have some doubts about my evidence. The picture of the DNA swabs on the table, are from discovery in my case. There ere 3 swabs in the picture and only 2 swabs make it to the State DNA lab. Planted evidence!

I can tell you why this could only be done by the Soldotna Troopers.

Regards, Keith

Keith Moyer
Mailing address:
P.O. Box 1390 Sterling, Alaska 99672
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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [randall.ruero@alaska.gov]
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2008 9:03 PM
To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); gov.palin@yahoo.com
Cc: Clark; Kami S (GOV); Essary; Karen S (GOV)
Subject: Governor's website

Mike:

The Governor's website is up now. I think what was tripping visitors up was when you first go to gov.state.ak.us you get the recent press release and if you don't scroll all the way to the bottom it looks like this is all there is on the site.

If you closely, at the very bottom of that press release in small print is a note that if you want to go to the old website to click here. I suggested to Karen and Kami that that make this note about 3 times larger in print size and put it at the very top of the press release so people navigating to the website can see it and right away decide to click on it and go to the Governor's website.

I think this would help significantly. Please let me know if you want that done.

Randy

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [mike.nizich@alaska.gov]
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2008 9:45 PM
To: Clark, Kami S (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Governor's website

Thanks

From: Clark, Kami S (GOV)
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Sent: Sun Aug 31 21:43:36 2008
Subject: RE: Governor's website

Will do I'm working on it now.

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Sun 8/31/2008 9:41 PM
To: Clark, Kami S (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Governor's website

Just make the link obvious

From: Clark, Kami S (GOV)
To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); gov.palin@yahoo.com
Sent: Sun Aug 31 21:37:57 2008
Subject: RE: Governor's website

I can make arrangements to have that link moved up further so that you can see the link.

Its very difficult to explain in an email everything that transpired during the Governor's announcement for V.P. I got a call at 6:00 am from the D.C. office that the Governor's Office website might be down due to the announcement on C.N.N. I got to the office shortly after 7:00 and the server appeared to be stable but, the pages were loading slowly. I called Enterprise Technology Services to request that GCI open up all the band width for us. They did and I then called other staff at ETS to see if we could put up an alternate page to take some of the load off of the server. Our server was getting hit so hard we couldn't even get to it ourselves. About 15 IT staff came over from ETS, Brian Duncan our contractor, Peter Torkelson, Eric a contractor came over from Westmann. We sent guys back over to ETS to build servers 3 of them, Peter then worked to convert the Governor's bio from PHP code to plain HTML text because it was causing problems how it handled the hits. So we knew people were just wanting to know about the Governor. So we got that going and moved over to 3 new servers over at ETS but, that took the load off our servers so we could bump up connections. Peter had to reuild his PHP code back to HTML which made many of the links broken. While the servers over at ETS were publishing the Governor's bio we built another server in our office that would take the hits before the Governor's web server so that it would cache the pages which means it wouldn't hit our server everytime it could grab what was in memory. We worked on that until 11:00 that night. We then came back the next day and redirected the www.gov.state.ak.us back to our server and have been monitoring it to see if it can handle the load which we think will get hit even harder come Tuesday morning. Peter will continue to work on the site to convert all the PHP code back to HTML so that all links will work. Remember when Florida servers had a melt down because of the Election we had the same for the Stata of Alaska with the announcement. Many departments said there pages also got hit harder. This was big news and most servers aren't built to handle that kind of volume. We did everything we could to get it back as fast as we possible could. I'll make some calls tonight to fix that link or see if we can even post it on the page so that we don't even have even have it like that anymore.

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Thanks
Kaml

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Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2008 9:03 PM
To: 'sp@hslak.com'; 'mniz@gci.net'
Cc: 'kperry@mccain08hq.com'
Subject: Re: users/helpers

I will make a few calls to see what we can mobilize. DOT and DMVA have been contacted and should get a report by mid morning. We will need Jay in the LG's office call the faith based organizations to see what they can provide.

Mike

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From: sp@hslak.com <sp@hslak.com>
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); M Nizich personal <mniz@gci.net>
Cc: Kperry <kperry@mccain08hq.com>
Sent: Sun Aug 31 20:44:16 2008
Subject: Fw: users/helpers

M- can u take this?

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From: Sean Parnell
To: SarahPersonal
Sent: Aug 31, 2008 10:47 PM
Subject: users/helpers

Is there a way Alaska could be in the forefront of helping hurricane victims from a private sector and non-profit perspective?

I'm thinking of our faith community to provide relief efforts; our transportation companies to provide containers, planes, and helicopters; and, perhaps, our electrical workers (IBEW??) to restore power. How do we (you?) call them to action and where do we plug them into so they are deployed efficiently and usefully?? FEMA? elsewhere? Thoughts?

Sean

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Subject: Re: Sean

Thanks much

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From: Janice Mason
To: SarahPersonal
Cc: Britta Email work
Cc: Kate Morgan
Cc: Bill McAllister
Cc: Sharon Leighow
Cc: Tara Fradley
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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 9:10 AM
To: 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Appointment

Governor:

Thank you for the appointment and the confidence in me. I truly appreciate it, my family appreciates it, and I will do the best I can on every issue and assignment.

Randy

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From: Ken & Connie Tarbox [tarbox@ptialaska.net]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 11:45 AM
To: Nelson; Lance B (LAW)
Cc: Marcotte; Jim R (DFG); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Swanton; Charles O (DFG); Senator_Thomas_Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us; Daugherty; Steven A (LAW); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Hilsinger; John R (DFG); Chenault; Mike (LAA)
Subject: Follow up 15 August question about regulation 75.003 and ADF&G actions.

Dear Mr. Nelson and Commissioner Lloyd,

Attached please find a follow up letter which questions the actions of ADF&G relative to emergency order 2-SS-2-26-2008. I have not heard back from anyone on this question, which I thought was fairly straight forward. I assumed you both received it.

In any event, I feel there are serious and substantial questions about ADF&G use of emergency order authority that need answering. I would hope that you will respond to this inquiry in a timely manner.

If there are corrections to existing regulations to improve management then they should be submitted. However, the Board Fisheries in regulation 5 AAC 75.003 was, in my opinion, trying to balance the increased fishing opportunity question with escapement goal management and conservation.

Therefore, ADF&G should be following the regulations and asking for changes where changes are appropriate. Since ADF&G submitted no request for change to 5 AAC 60.170 (Little Susitna River Coho Salmon Management Plan) they must have felt comfortable with the existing SEG goal. It would appear that ADF&G also felt that higher escapements than the SEG would and could take place and would further refine the goal to a BEG. If this was not the case then asking for higher bag and possession limits in the management plan would have been consistent with 5 AAC 75.003.

As a technical note, the emergency order 2-SS-2-26-2008 if legal, which I question, also should have modified the management plan 5 AAC 60.170 since the limitation on bag and possession limits was modified. The emergency order only references 5 AAC 60.120 which puts it in conflict with the management plan regulation.

I look forward to your joint response to my questions in the attached letter. If you decide not to respond to the questions please inform me of that decision.

Ken Tarbox.

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From: Ken & Connie Tarbox
To: lance.nelson@alaska.gov
Cc: Mike Chenault ; Hilsinger, John R (DFG) ; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) ; steven.daugherty@alaska.gov ; Senator_Thomas_Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us ; charles.swanton@alaska.gov ; Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2008 11:57 AM
Subject: Clarification on regulation 5aac 75.003

Dear Mr. Nelson,

On Thursday, August 14, 2008 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Issued Emergency Order 2-ss-2-26-08 which raised the bag and possession limit for coho salmon in the Little Susitna River from two to three.

In the past I have questioned what authority ADF&G has to increase bag and possession limits when an

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existing management plan does not contain the option for increasing said bag limits.

Regulation 5 AAC 75.003 states that an emergency order may not supersede bag and possession limits or methods and means established in regulatory management plans established by the Board of Fisheries.

The above referenced emergency order does just that. Regulation 5 AAC 60.170 Little Susitna River Coho Salmon Management Plan limits the bag and possession limit to two fish with no option stated in regulation to change it.

Therefore, it appears that ADF&G has no authority to take such action via emergency order. They may, under my understanding, do so by emergency regulation.

Further, at the Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting in February 2008 the ADF&G submitted proposal 206 to allow them to alter bag and possession limits in the Kenai River sockeye salmon fishery and they noted in public testimony and via RC 2 that regulation 75.003 was limiting their emergency order authority. The Board of Fisheries agreed and altered the Kenai River sockeye salmon management plan to allow more flexibility relative to bag and possession limits in the Kenai River.

Therefore, it appears ADF&G is fully aware of the limitations of 75.003 and yet they continue this season to not follow the regulation. I have questioned ADF&G directly numerous times where they may have been in violation of 75.003 and they cite they have talked with law about this and they are confident they have the legal authority to change bag and possession limits via emergency order authority, even with an existing management plan limits that authority.

Of course that is in conflict with their own position at the Board of Fisheries meeting on Kenai River sockeye salmon.

At this point I would like you or someone in the law department to respond in writing as to what authority ADF&G has in regulation or statute to override regulation 5 AAC 75.003 relative to bag and possession limit alteration when an existing management plan prohibits such actions.

I would also like to note I am not questioning the rationale for the emergency order at this time just the authority.

Thank you for your time on this matter. I look forward to your response.

Ken Tarbox
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 11:37 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: McAllister; William D (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Burkert; Erin E (GOV)
Subject: Re: PR 08-151 Governor Palin Names Deputy Chief of Staff 090108

Thanks so much.
Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Date: Mon, 01 Sep 2008 11:23:03 -0800
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
CC: McAllister, William D (GOV) <bill.mcallister@alaska.gov>; Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>; Burkert, Erin E (GOV) <erin.burkert@alaska.gov>
Subject: PR 08-151 Governor Palin Names Deputy Chief of Staff 090108



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 08-151

Governor Palin Announces Randy Ruaro as Deputy Chief of Staff

September 1, 2008, St. Paul, Minnesota – Governor Sarah Palin today appointed Randy Ruaro as her Deputy Chief of Staff.

"Randy is a vital member of our team whose work in and out of government has been a great asset," Governor Palin said. "He works hard and communicates well. His experience in state government in various roles will continue to help us accomplish our goals."

Prior to serving in his current position as a special assistant to the Governor, Ruaro served in the legislature as a chief of staff for Rep. Kyle Johansen, and as a staffer and House Finance Committee aide for former Rep. Bill Williams. From 2004 to 2006, he worked as a drafting attorney in the legislation and regulations section and then as the legislative liaison at the Alaska Department of Law. Ruaro also worked for nine years as a clerk/intern and then as a practicing attorney with the law firm of Keene & Currall.

He received his bachelor's degree in political science with a course emphasis in economics from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, in 1990, and his juris doctorate degree from Willamette University School of Law in Salem, Oregon, in 1994.

"It is an honor to continue working in public service and for Governor Palin in an increased role,"

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Ruaro said.

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From: Richard Olson [rholson@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 4:47 AM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Cc: Leiglow; Sharon W (GOV); Dick Olson (Verizon); Katia Olson; NH GOP TEAM McCain - Tom DeRosa; NH GOP Mike Hamilton; allison@nhgop.org; NH GOP - Tom DeRosa; NHInsider@myway.com; NH Rep. John B. Hunt; NH Senator Robert. Letourneau; Paul Martin; Sam Cohen; SAS - Jenn Coffey; Sen. Judd Gregg; Senator@sununu.senate.gov
Subject: CONGRATULATIONS GOVERNOR PALINI

CONGRATULATIONS GOVERNOR PALINI

Honorable Governor Palin,

We send our congratulations and best wishes from the state of New Hampshire. Senator McCain and you have our votes and support. We are both impressed with your record of accomplishments while being a great mother and wife. The United States of America will benefit from a gain from Alaska and another from Arizona.

Have your staff send us a large yard sign and other campaign handouts. We are retired and cannot contribute money but can contribute our spirit and time.

Dick & Katie

Richard H. (Dick) & Katherine E. Olson
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"The problem... is that most members of Congress don't pay attention to what's going on" John McCain

"Money is not the only answer, but it makes a difference." Barack Obama

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From: ElanFrank@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 12:18 PM
To: ecampaign@johnmccain.com; john@johnmccain.com
Cc: Leschper; Beth (DOL); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Sarah Palin-footage-UTMOST IMPORTANT, PLEASE RESPOND

Dear Campaign manager,

I know how busy you are, but this is a matter of utmost important, and so, at the risk of being a 'nag', I will keep writing to you about it, hoping you are actually reading this.

I HAVE GREAT, IN DEPTH, INTIMATE FOOTAGE OF SARAH PALIN which I shot a few month back in Alaska, at her office and home. It was done of course with her full cooperation and includes in depth interviews with her, her husband, at home, in office, and shows her in a very positive light.

In the coming days the media will and already is attempting to explore the 'dark' side of Sarah Palin, throw some 'mud in her face' and try to taint her great reputation and name. The footage I have can really counter that in a very effective way. AT THIS POINT, WITH ALL THAT IS COMING OUT, I TRULY BELIEVE YOU NEED THIS FOOTAGE TO BE OUT THERE.

When I filmed Gov. Palin, I had her sign a customary, standard release form as is always the procedure in such shoots; however it was misfiled during my move to a new office.

PLEASE, relay this message to her with my deepest support and congratulations, and ask her to sign the form which I will fax to whatever number you tell me to.

Ms. Palin is a public figure, and the footage is very positive of her, so no harm will be done if I use it and distribute it as is, especially when it's very clear and obvious it was done with her FULL and UNLIMITED consent, corporation and willingness, but I really want to be coordinated with her, and follow the most smooth pass. I ONLY HAVE HER BEST INTEREST IN MIND.

Please respond as soon as possible, now is the time to act.

Thank you for your quick respond and cooperation in the matter.

Sincerely,
Elan Frank

Elan Frank
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It's only a deal if it's where *you* want to go. Find your travel deal here.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 1:08 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: EMAC Request is in and C-17 is in the air. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Campbell, Craig AK TAG NGAK" <craig.campbell2@us.army.mil>

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2008 12:33:08

To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Kelsey, Mark D (GOV)<mark.kelsey@alaska.gov>; Cramer, John W (MVA)<john.cramer@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: EMAC Request is in and C-17 is in the air. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Governor:

Alaska this morning launched one of our C-17 aircraft, carrying two HH-60 PaveHawk helicopters and 30 Alaska Air National Guard para-rescuemen in response to a request from Louisiana for state National Guard support. They will arrive at Meridian, Mississippi this afternoon and be deployed from there in response to Hurricane Gustav.

Obvious first point is that this shows states supporting states, especially in time of crisis. You as Commander-In-Chief of the Alaska National Guard are providing this support in accordance with the federal Emergency Management Agreement Compact (EMAC), which all 50 states are signatories to.

Second, this demonstrates your oversight of both tactical assets, the helicopters and para-rescue people who will do the mission on the ground, and your strategic assets, the C-17 airlifter which has the capability to transport this equipment and personnel worldwide in minimum time.

We also deployed our Civil Support Team to St Paul to provide support to the Republican Convention. This is also an effort of the National Guard Bureau to support state requests for assets.

If there is any further information you need, please let me know.

Hope all is going well.

Craig

-----Original Message-----

From: Hernandez, Lucas A TSgt

Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 10:06 AM

To: Campbell, Craig AK TAG NGAK

Cc: McManus, Deborah BG NGAK; Katkus, Tom BG NGAK; Mellor, Michael A. LTC NGAK; Wenke, Wendy B COL NGAK; 'COMMANDPOST@AKANCH.ANG.AF.MIL'; '3wg.cp@elmendorf.af.mil'; Grunwald, Edith M LTCOL NGAK; Foster Charles Col ANG USAF 176WG/CC; GRAMS, TIMOTHY, COL, 176WG, 1105; Keese, Donald, LT COL, ANG, 176WG/CV, 1150; Wenke Donald S LtCol ANG-AKEIEL; DOEHL, ROBERT, COL, 176WG; WILBANKS, PATTY, LT COL, 176WG, 1240; Thompson, Michael A. LTC NGAK; Cramer, John W (MVA); NGAK JOC AK; 'secc@ak-prepared.com'; 'v3alcom.j3elmendorf.af.mil@elmendorf.af.mil'; SPEAR-BUDD, KAY, MAJ, 176WG, 1408

Subject: EMAC Request is in and C-17 is in the air. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

MG Campbell,

The C-17 was in the air about 0930L.

We are ready for your signature.

It is under the tab called "section II" and line 5.

After you sign it, would you fax it back to 428-7356.

LA EMAC is going to sign everything once they get your signature.

It's a little backwards, but it's how they'd like to do it.

v/r

TSgt Lucas "Gandhi" Hernandez

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"The skilful employer of men will employ the wise man, the brave man, the covetous man, and the stupid man." ~Sun Tzu <http://www.emacweb.org/index.cfm>

-----Original Message-----

From: Campbell, Craig AK TAG NGAK

Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 8:15 AM

To: Hernandez, Lucas A TSgt; McManus, Deborah BG NGAK; Katkus, Tom BG NGAK;

Mellor, Michael A. LTC NGAK; Wenke, Wendy B COL NGAK;

'COMMANDPOST@AKANCN.ANG.AF.MIL'; '3wg.cp@elmendorf.af.mil'; Grunwald, Edith M
LTCOL NGAK; Foster Charles Col ANG USAF 176WG/CC; GRAMS, TIMOTNY, COL, 176WG,
1105; Keese, Donald, LT COL, ANG, 176WG/CV, 1150; Wenke Donald S LtCol
ANG-AKEIEL; DOENL, ROBERT, COL, 176WG; WILBANKS, PATTY, LT COL, 176WG, 1240;
Thompson, Michael A. LTC NGAK; Cramer, John W (MVA); NGAK JOC AK;
'secc@ak-prepared.com'; 'v3alcom.j3elmendorf.af.mil@elmendorf.af.mil'
Subject: Re: Hurricane update: EMAC REC A draft enclosed but not signed yet.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Let me know when signature is required.

Maj Gen Campbell

-----Original Message-----

From: Hernandez, Lucas A TSgt
To: Campbell, Craig AK TAG NGAK; McManus, Deborah BG NGAK; Katkus, Tom BG
NGAK; Mellor, Michael A. LTC NGAK; Wenke, Wendy B COL NGAK;
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<v3alcom.j3elmendorf.af.mil@elmendorf.af.mil>
Sent: Sun Aug 31 23:48:11 2008
Subject: Hurricane update: EMAC REC A draft enclosed but not signed yet.
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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

ALCON,

SITUATION:

LA JOC requests that we move forward with sending our assets Monday morning as scheduled and the official document can be signed later on Monday. A draft of the official EMAC is below in the email chain.

EMAC PROCESS:

Section 1 is signed by their EMAC rep. Section 2 is signed by AK TAG. Section 3 is again signed by their rep making EMAC official. No authorized reps have signed the EMAC yet. A faxed version will be sent Monday morning after their official has signed off on it, which will then require AK TAG signature.

DECISION TO DEPLOY:

Based on the coordination through JIEE, ANG CAT, NGB JOC, our own assets prepared to deploy and an assigned mission number (BE19-4171-1-244), we should be able to proceed with the departure of the HH60 package Monday morning.

Estimated time of departure per the EMAC request is Monday ASAP.

RESOURCE DELIVERY INFO:

Street Address: Esler Field
City: Camp Beauregard
Parish: Rapides
Zip Code: 71360
Site Type: Joint Air Operations Center

ON-SITE CONTACT INFO:

COL Gwaltney

JAOC

(504) 214-1535

v/r

TSgt Lucas "Gandhi" Hernandez

JFHQ-AK JOC Watchstander

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wyatt, Sean [mailto:swyatt@OHSEP.Louisiana.gov]

Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2008 11:16 PM

To: Hernandez, Lucas A TSgt

Subject: RE: From Alaska JOC (UNCLASSIFIED)

TSgt Hernandez,

Below you will find most of the information for this mission. Per our conversation, I will get a signed copy of section I of the Req A to you once in my possession. Please have an authorized rep fill out, sign, and return section II. Thank you for your help.

Mission Details: (EMAC Request) LANG requests Alaska National Guard to provide up to 2 HH-60G aircraft along with aircrews consisting of up to 8 crew and up to 10 para-rescue for search and rescue missions, logistical air movement of supplies, air movement of evacuees, and sandbagging of levee breaches. Partial satisfaction is acceptable by the requestor as specified in

assisting State Part 2. Crews should be NVG current and slingload qualified. Deployment will be (15) days. All logistical support (meals, fuel, etc) will be provided by LANG. Lodging will be provided by LANG in a secure facility until conditions on the ground are safe for deployment into the affected areas.

Other Info: Crews should bring appropriate PLL parts and package POL to maintain aircraft in an FMC status. Crews should also deploy with 3 days of Class I supplies

Date/Time Required: ASAP on 9/1/08

Resource Delivery Info:

Street Address: Esler Field

City: Camp Beauregard

Parish: Rapides

Zip Code: 71360

Site Typ: Joint Air Operations Center

On-Site Contact Info:

COL Gwaltney

JAOC

(504) 214-1535

v/r

Sean Wyatt

EMAC A-Team

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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

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Caveats: NONE

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 5:05 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: A Labor Day Message from Governor Sarah Palin
Importance: High

From: Notti, Emil R (CED)
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 10:09 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: A Labor Day Message from Governor Sarah Palin

Congratulations! You and your family are my prayers. Emil Notti

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Fri Aug 29 09:59:34 2008
Subject: A Labor Day Message from Governor Sarah Palin

Dear state employees,

As we take the opportunity at the end of our Alaskan summer to spend time with friends and family members this Labor Day, I want to thank you, the hard-wo

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From: Nelson, Lance B (LAW) [lance.nelson@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 7:51 AM
To: 'Ken & Connie Tarbox'
Cc: Marcotte; Jim R (DFG); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Swenton; Charles O (DFG); 'Senator_Thomas_Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us'; Daugherty; Steven A (LAW); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Hilsinger; John R (DFG); Chenault; Mike (LAA)
Subject: RE: Follow up 15 August question about regulation 75.003 and ADF&G actions.

Dear Mr. Tarbox:

The Attorney General's Office is not authorized to give legal opinions to members of the public. We only render legal advice to state agencies and officers.

Lance Nelson
Senior Assistant Attorney General
Natural Resources Section
Attorney General's Office
Anchorage

From: Ken & Connie Tarbox [mailto:tarbox@ptialaska.net]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 11:45 AM
To: Nelson, Lance B (LAW)
Cc: Marcotte; Jim R (DFG); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Swanton; Charles O (DFG); Senator_Thomas_Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us; Daugherty; Steven A (LAW); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Hilsinger; John R (DFG); Chenault; Mike (LAA)
Subject: Follow up 15 August question about regulation 75.003 and ADF&G actions.

Dear Mr. Nelson and Commissioner Lloyd,

Attached please find a follow up letter which questions the actions of ADF&G relative to emergency order 2-SS-2-26-2008. I have not heard back from anyone on this question, which I thought was fairly straight forward. I assumed you both received it.

In any event, I feel there are serious and substantial questions about ADF&G use of emergency order authority that need answering. I would hope that you will respond to this inquiry in a timely manner.

If there are corrections to existing regulations to improve management then they should be submitted. However, the Board Fisheries in regulation 5 AAC 75.003 was, in my opinion, trying to balance the increased fishing opportunity question with escapement goal management and conservation.

Therefore, ADF&G should be following the regulations and asking for changes where changes are appropriate. Since ADF&G submitted no request for change to 5 AAC 60.170 (Little Susitna River Coho Salmon Management Plan) they must have felt comfortable with the existing SEG goal. It would appear that ADF&G also felt that higher escapements than the SEG would and could take place and would further refine the goal to a BEG. If this was not the case then asking for higher bag and possession limits in the management plan would have been consistent with 5 AAC 75. 003.

As a technical note, the emergency order 2-SS-2-26-2008 if legal, which I question, also should have modified the management plan 5 AAC 60.170 since the limitation on bag and possession limits was modified. The emergency order only references 5 AAC 60.120 which puts it in conflict with the management plan regulation.

I look forward to your joint response to my questions in the attached letter. If you decide not to respond to the

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questions please inform me of that decision.

Ken Tarbox.

----- Original Message -----

From: Ken & Connie Tarbox

To: lance.nelson@alaska.gov

Cc: Mike Chenault ; Hilsinger, John R (DFG) ; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) ; steven.daugherty@alaska.gov ; Senator_Thomas_Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us ; charles.swanton@alaska.gov ; Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)

Sent: Friday, August 15, 2008 11:57 AM

Subject: Clarification on regulation 5aac 75.003

Dear Mr. Nelson,

On Thursday, August 14, 2008 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) issued Emergency Order 2-ss-2-26-08 which raised the bag and possession limit for coho salmon in the Little Susitna River from two to three.

In the past I have questioned what authority ADF&G has to increase bag and possession limits when an existing management plan does not contain the option for increasing said bag limits.

Regulation 5 AAC 75.003 states that an emergency order may not supersede bag and possession limits or methods and means established in regulatory management plans established by the Board of Fisheries.

The above referenced emergency order does just that. Regulation 5 AAC 60.170 Little Susitna River Coho Salmon Management Plan limits the bag and possession limit to two fish with no option stated in regulation to change it.

Therefore, it appears that ADF&G has no authority to take such action via emergency order. They may, under my understanding, do so by emergency regulation.

Further, at the Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting in February 2008 the ADF&G submitted proposal 206 to allow them to alter bag and possession limits in the Kenai River sockeye salmon fishery and they noted in public testimony and via RC 2 that regulation 75.003 was limiting their emergency order authority. The Board of Fisheries agreed and altered the Kenai River sockeye salmon management plan to allow more flexibility relative to bag and possession limits in the Kenai River.

Therefore, it appears ADF&G is fully aware of the limitations of 75.003 and yet they continue this season to not follow the regulation. I have questioned ADF&G directly numerous times where they may have been in violation of 75.003 and they cite they have talked with law about this and they are confident they have the legal authority to change bag and possession limits via emergency order authority. even with an existing management plan limits that authority.

Of course that is in conflict with their own position at the Board of Fisheries meeting on Kenai River sockeye salmon.

At this point I would like you or someone in the law department to respond in writing as to what authority ADF&G has in regulation or statute to override regulation 5 AAC 75.003 relative to bag and possession limit alteration when an existing management plan prohibits such actions.

I would also like to note I am not questioning the rationale for the emergency order at this time just the authority.

Thank you for your time on this matter. I look forward to your response.

Ken Tarbox

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From: Mills, Andy J (GOV) [andy.mills@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 10:19 AM
To: Hughes; Rosanna D (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: FW: Email to Governor Palin

FYI: This is an offer from some lady who lived in Alaska and wants to write a book on the Governor.

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From: ashlyn.kuersten@wmich.edu [mailto:ashlyn.kuersten@wmich.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 6:41 PM
To: Mills, Andy J (GOV); governor@state.ak.us
Subject: Email to Governor Palin

Governor Palin,

I graduated from Chugiak High School two years behind you (actually, you and I played basketball together once), you know my mother (Kathleen Kuersten, who directed the Miss Alaskan Scholarship Pageant when you ran) and I am a native Alaskan.

I am also a political science professor at a large school in the midwest. I am a specialist in gender and politics. As you can imagine, like the rest of the country, I'm fascinated by your story.

I know it's a long shot that you'll ever get this email, but I'd like to write a book about you. Would you agree to let me follow you on your road to the White House? I can give you my credentials as an Alaskan and as a scholar. The media obviously doesn't get the story about you, and the rest of the country isn't quite clear on how a woman can be smart. You're making history and I'd like to document it.

Thanks.

Ashlyn

Dr. Ashlyn Kuersten

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Webpage: <http://www.wmich.edu/nsf-coa>

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From: craig campbell [csawhol@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 1:50 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Accolade

Congrats Gov,
Too bad you are not the GOP prez candidate...

I'm independent and just want to say what many of my kind are looking to see :
Allow the Bible and the Constitution be your statesmanship guide ; Not the winds of liberal consensus.

What disgusts us most is politicians changing color once in Washington. 1 Example, claiming to be a firm 2d Amendment supporter ; then supporting strong restrictions, taxes, ban zones etc on some Constitutional virtue. Your record shows you as a stalwart Thank God .
Hold to your principles even if alone -

Sincerely
Craig Campbell ARKS
csawhol@cox.net

* Gen 8:22 proves no globe warming
Art 4, Sec 4 solves Illegal Immigration

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 10:27 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: [ED_REVIEW] ED Review (08/29/08)

From: Honeysett, Adam [mailto:Adam.Honeysett@ED.GOV]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 5:48 AM
To: ED_REVIEW@LISTSERV.ED.GOV
Subject: [ED_REVIEW] ED Review (08/29/08)

ED REVIEW

August 29, 2008

...a bi-weekly update on U.S. Department of Education activities relevant to the Intergovernmental and Corporate community and other stakeholders

FREE BOOKS!

Register today at <http://www.firstbook.org/register/> to access free new children's books through the 2008 Back to School Book Donation. Earlier this year, the Department teamed with First Book and Random House to launch the 2008 Summer Reading Initiative (see <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2008/05/05062008.html>). This initiative was the first stage of a national distribution of over 850,000 free new Random House children's books to schools, libraries, and literacy organizations serving low-income youth across the U.S. This summer, 550,000 books were distributed. On September 4, the Department will announce the availability and subsequent distribution of the remaining 300,000 books earmarked for this campaign. Since 2006, the Department has partnered with First Book and major U.S. book publishing companies to distribute three million children's books. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/bookcampaign/>. (Note: To be eligible to register with First Book, an entity must: (1) serve children where at least 50% are from low-income households, (2) be a Title I or Title I-eligible school, or (3) be a military family support program.)

NCLB UPDATE

As school gets underway, Secretary Spellings continues to offer states the opportunity for greater flexibility under the *No Child Left Behind Act*. Earlier this month, she reopened the differentiated accountability pilot program (<http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/differentiatedaccountability/>). More recently, with a letter to Chief State School Officers (<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/secletter/080818.html>), she again invited states to submit proposals that incorporate a measure of individual student growth into their current accountability system. "I view growth models as a key component of a common-sense approach to

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implementing *No Child Left Behind*," she said. "Growth models...create a more nuanced accountability system, while still adhering to the goal of 100% proficiency by 2013-14." So far, 11 states have been approved to implement their models under the pilot program. Proposals are due by October 15. Department officials will conduct an initial review of each proposal to make sure the growth model meets seven core principles and the state is making progress in specific areas. If they have any questions regarding a state's proposal, they will contact the state by October 24 and request the state respond by November 7. Then, those proposals determined to have met requirements will be forwarded to a team of peer reviewers, who will meet by early December. The Secretary anticipates reaching a final decision later in December. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/growthmodel/>.

Concerning states, a new report from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), "Public School Graduates and Dropouts from the Common Core of Data: School Year 2005-06," presents the number of high school graduates, the Averaged Freshman Graduation Rate (AFGR), and dropout data for grades 9-12. Across 48 reporting states, a total of 2,649,001 public school students received a high school diploma in 2005-06, resulting in an AFGR of 73.4%. However, the AFGR ranged drastically; 14 states had rates of 80% or higher, while 10 states had rates below 70%. Similarly, the AFGR was much higher for Asian/Pacific Islander (89.6%) and white, non-Hispanic (80.6%) students than American Indian/Alaska Native (61.8%), Hispanic (61.4%), and black, non-Hispanic (59.1%) students. On the other end of the spectrum, once more across 48 reporting states, 579,000 public school students dropped out in 2005-06, resulting in an "event" dropout rate of 4%. Twelve states had dropout rates of less than 3%, while six states had rates of more than 6%. (Among those states for which comparisons could be made between 2002-03 and 2005-06, the event dropout rate increased for 27 states and decreased for 21 states.) American Indian/Alaska Native students had the highest dropout rate at 7.4%, followed by black (6.1%), Hispanic (6.0%), white (2.7%), and Asian/Pacific Islander (2.4%) students. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2008353>.

Need help with dropouts? The What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) will shortly unveil a practice guide on dropout prevention. Developed by a panel of nationally recognized experts, practice guides consist of actionable recommendations, strategies for overcoming roadblocks, and an indication of the strength of evidence supporting each recommendation. In the meantime, explore WWC's latest guide, "Improving Adolescent Literacy: Effective Classroom and Intervention Practices," with five recommendations to improve literacy among adolescents in the upper elementary, middle, and high school grades. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://whatworks.ed.gov/>.

MEASURING PROGRESS, REALIZING RESULTS

A Back to School edition of "Education News Parents Can Use" (September 16, 8:00-9:00 p.m. ET) will profile key strategies for improving student academic achievement and showcase schools that have proven successful in closing the achievement gap and helping all students perform at high levels. Educators know that what gets measured gets done, and information is a powerful catalyst for change. The more information one has, the better able one is to demand improvement – and get it. The *No Child Left Behind Act*'s focus on data dissemination and informed decision-making has helped transform the roles of parents and teachers. Parents now have the necessary information to be effective education consumers and advocates for their children. And, teachers have access to the latest data and scientifically proven strategies for helping students achieve. The outcome is a new, results-based culture in American schools. The broadcast will also spotlight the Department's Teaching Ambassador Fellowship program. The fellows – classroom teachers on leave from their schools to work on policy at the U.S. Department of Education – will give their perspectives on improving learning. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO

<http://www.ed.gov/edtv/>. (You can watch archived webcasts at <http://www.connective.com/events/ednews/>.)

HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT

On August 14, President Bush signed into law the *Higher Education Opportunity Act* (HEOA), reauthorizing the original *Higher Education Act* (HEA). The legislation covers most of the programs administered by the Department's Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) and Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA). Therefore, OPE has dedicated a new web site (<http://www.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea08/>), with information on the Department's implementation of the HEOA. Some updates:

- **Dear Colleague Letter.** The agency will be publishing a letter with a summary of each provision of the HEOA. However, affected parties are responsible for taking the steps necessary to comply by the effective dates established by the law. The provisions were effective upon enactment, unless otherwise indicated.
- **Negotiated Rulemaking.** The agency will soon start the negotiated rulemaking process for parts of the HEOA. Negotiated rulemaking is required for the development of all regulations implementing statutory changes to Title IV of the HEA. Moreover, Section 201 of the HEOA added a provision to Section 207(c) of the HEA requiring negotiated rulemaking for any regulations the Secretary develops under amended Section 207(b)(2) of the HEA. This section prohibits a teacher preparation program that has had its eligibility terminated by the state from accepting or enrolling any student who receives Title IV aid.
- **Public Meetings.** Starting next month, the agency will begin the negotiated rulemaking process by publishing a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing public meetings where parties can suggest issues related to the HEOA that should be considered for action by these rulemaking committees. (Of course, for anyone unable to attend a hearing, the Department will be accepting written comments.) Currently, the meetings will be held: 9/19 at Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX); 9/29 at the University of Rhode Island's Providence Campus; 10/2 at Pepperdine University (Malibu, CA); 10/6 at Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte, NC); 10/8 at the U.S. Department of Education's K Street conference center (Washington, DC); and 10/15 at Cuyahoga Community College (Cleveland, OH). Additional information on these hearings will be posted as it becomes available.

Be sure to check back often! As the Department moves through the implementation process, OPE will be updating the web site.

Also: This year's special supplement to NCES's "Condition of Education 2008" report (see <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/>) provides a rich profile of the more than 1,000 community colleges in the U.S., analyzes the characteristics of students who entered community college from high schools, and examines the rates of persistence and attainment among community college students in general. It also directly compares public, two-year institutions with public and private four-year colleges and universities. Among high school seniors who enrolled immediately in a postsecondary institution in 2004, 30% enrolled in a community college. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/2008/analysis/>.

SAT SCORES

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Much like the ACT scores detailed last issue, despite a record number of students taking the test – including a higher percentage (36%) of first-generation students than 2007 and a substantial rate (40%) of minority participation – the 2008 SAT national average composite score was 1511 (on a scale of 600 to 2400), the same as last year's score. Average scores for all three sections of the test were also identical to 2007: 502 in reading, 515 in math, and 494 in writing. (Each section has a minimum score of 200 and a maximum score of 800.) Females have narrowed the performance gap with males in reading, closing to within four points, and females outperform males on the writing test by 13 points. However, males still outperform females by 33 points on the math test. Meanwhile, according to multiple studies, writing has proven the most predictive section of the SAT for determining first-year college performance, both for all students and across all racial/ethnic groups, demonstrating that writing is a critical skill. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.collegeboard.com/press/releases/197846.html>.

FERPA AND PPRA

This month, the Department's Family Policy Compliance Office issued its annual notification to states and school districts of their obligations under the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA) and *Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment* (PPRA). FERPA gives parents the right to have access to their children's education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the records. (When a student turns 18 or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, the rights under FERPA transfer from the parents to the student.) PPRA grants parents certain rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing, and some physical exams. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/hottopics/>.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"Two centuries after Abraham Lincoln's birth, the nation is still in formation. The U.S. has grown and expanded. One cost of that growth has been a splintering of many parts of our society. Competing values, interests, and beliefs have complicated Lincoln's goal to find unity in our diversity. The bicentennial commemoration of his life and legacy – through various education programs, public forums, and arts projects – will be a bright beacon to completing our nation's 'unfinished work.'"

-- Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (<http://www.lincolnbicentennial.gov/>)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next Scientific Evidence in Education (SEE) forum is scheduled for September 17 (8:30-10:45 a.m. ET) at the National Press Club, in Washington, DC. The topic? Reinventing after-school programs using evidence-based research on after-school interventions. The forums are free, but space is limited, so register in advance online. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.seeforums.org/>.

Planning is underway for the Department's ninth annual International Education Week (November 17-21, coinciding with American Education Week). The week supplies schools, colleges and universities, and communities the opportunity to promote and celebrate the benefits of international education worldwide. This year's theme is "Fostering Global Responsibility and Leadership." Individuals and institutions are encouraged to join the listserv and submit a report on planned activities. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://iew.state.gov/>.

Over the next two weeks, the Department will be exhibiting at HopeFest 2008 in Chicago (August 30) and the National Council of Negro Women's Black Family Reunion Celebration on the National Mall (September 6-7). If you are attending either of these events, please stop by the Department's booth.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Communications and Outreach with any questions:
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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 7:18 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: PR DoL A Short Explanation of the Law on GubernatorialSuccession082908

A home run. Talis

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)
Sent: Fri Aug 29 18:20:50 2008
Subject: Re: PR DoL A Short Explanation of the Law on GubernatorialSuccession082908

Holy Moly! And you may get somewhere "else" without having to spring for the doughnuts to serve Sean!

Thanks again for doing the Right-of-Way speech for me. And thanks for holding down the fort and keeping things running along- I will talk to you soon and will hopefully be in AK on Sunday.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 18:19:52 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: PR DoL A Short Explanation of the Law on Gubernatorial Succession082908

Dear governor and vp palin. Wow. McCain palin tee shirts are already selling and being worn in significant numbers at the state fair. Congratulations. Talis.

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
To: Burkert, Erin E (GOV); Jenicek, Monica (LAW)
Cc: Jones, David T (LAW); Colberg, Talis J (LAW)
Sent: Fri Aug 29 18:07:44 2008
Subject: Re: PR DoL A Short Explanation of the Law on Gubernatorial Succession082908

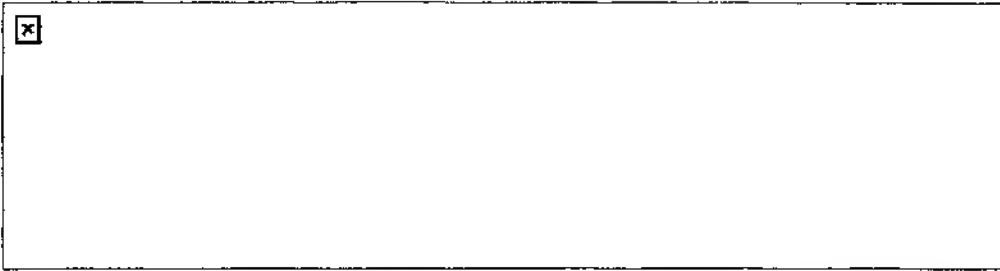
Thank you very much, this is helpful.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Burkert, Erin E (GOV)" <erin.burkert@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 16:51:00 -0800
To: Jenicek, Monica (LAW)<monica.jenicek@alaska.gov>
CC: Jones, David T (LAW)<dave.jones@alaska.gov>
Subject: PR DoL A Short Explanation of the Law on Gubernatorial Succession 082908

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A Short Explanation of the Law on Gubernatorial Succession

**For Immediate Release:
August 29, 2008**

The Department of Law has received a number of press inquiries on how the Alaska constitution and state statutes address what might happen if Governor Sarah Palin was elected Vice President, and if Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in the upcoming November 2008 election. Here is a brief explanation.

If, in the November election, Lieutenant Governor Parnell is elected to Congress and Governor Palin is elected Vice President, and both remain in their current state offices until they assume those federal offices, the following would occur:

- At noon on January 3, 2009, Lieutenant Governor Parnell would become Alaska's U.S. Representative.
- Once Lieutenant Governor Parnell left his state office, the designated successor to the lieutenant governor – currently Attorney General Talis Colberg – would become lieutenant governor. Governor Palin would then designate another person to succeed to the office of lieutenant governor in the event of a subsequent vacancy in that office. That designation would be subject to legislative confirmation.
- At noon on January 20, 2009, Governor Palin would become Vice President. The person who succeeded Lieutenant Governor Parnell as lieutenant governor (Attorney General Colberg) would then become acting governor, pending a special election. The special election would be held no earlier than March 21, 2009, and no later than April 20, 2009.

No special election for governor and lieutenant governor would be necessary unless both Governor Palin and Lieutenant Governor Parnell won federal office and left their state offices before the end of their current terms. So if Attorney General Colberg became the acting governor through succession, there would be a special election to fill the office of governor and the office of lieutenant governor. But if Lieutenant Governor Parnell became governor through succession and remained in that office until the end of the current term, there would be no special election to fill either office.

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For questions, please contact Senior Assistant Attorney General David Jones at 907-269-5169.

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From: Maiken Erickson [maiken.integrated@alaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 2:30 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)
Subject: Protest to Notice of Award IRFP 2008-0200-8061

To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached protest to award IRFP 2008-0200-8061.

Thank you,

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Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 5:04 AM
To: 'sp@hslak.com'
Subject: Re: Blessings

Moms and dads in Dallas, San Antonio, Chattanooga, Tallahassee, Wilmington and Columbia, SC – all over this country – are praying for you, Governor. No weapon formed against you will prosper. Knock 'em dead!!

From: sp@hslak.com
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Sent: Wed Sep 03 01:39:03 2008
Subject: Re: Blessings

Thank you my friend!!! Tonight's the speech

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 15:18:04 -0800
To: <sp@hslak.com>
Subject: RE: Blessings

I'm asking all my prayer partners to intercede for you.

Rosanne Hughes

Director of External Communications
(907) 269-7450

From: sp@hslak.com [mailto:sp@hslak.com]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 3:08 PM
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Blessings

Thank you- love you! Say your prayers!

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 14:47:36 -0800
To: <sp@hslak.com>; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) <governor@alaska.gov>
Subject: Blessings

We are so proud of you. All of Alaska is so proud of you. You hit that speech out of the ballpark – with only one hour to rehearse it? It was surreal for us as your staff to watch you on TV on stage with Sen. McCain ... like an out of body experience. We were in tears. God bless.

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 7:30 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: YOUR SPEECH WAS AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sharon Leighow
Deputy Press Secretary
Deputy Communications Director

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From: McAllister, William D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=WDMCALLISTER]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 9:12 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Mississippian Gov. Palin's Speech ... WOW

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From: TiffanyStrunk@aol.com
To: McAllister, William D (GOV)
Sent: Wed Sep 03 20:55:13 2008
Subject: Mississippian Gov. Palin's Speech ... WOW

First, please thank Gov. Palin for visiting Mississippi and showing her concern with the hurricane this week. We really appreciate it more than she could possibly know.

Secondly, please pass along to Gov. Palin that she gave an outstanding speech tonight. I watched it on FoxNews then flipped to a couple of networks and I believe the correct word would be "stunned".

Congratulations to someone who has inspired a lot of people tonight and probably single handedly brought a lot of pride to many Americans. Thanks Gov. Palin.

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From: McAllister, William D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=WDMCALLISTER]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 8:59 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Thursday

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From: McAllister, William D (GOV)
To: 'gov.sarah@alaska.gov' <gov.sarah@alaska.gov>
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); 'mike.nizich@alaska.com' <mike.nizich@alaska.com>
Sent: Wed Sep 03 20:56:40 2008
Subject: Thursday

Governor,

Job very well done, by all accounts. Fox wants me on-air tomorrow and would like it if I could chat with you first. Please call for a few minutes in the morning.

Everyone wants you, of course, including the Alaska media.

--Bill, 306-5201

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 8:38 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Wow!

That was amazing! Great job!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 9:57 AM
To: Rhonda McBride; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Alaska's Rural Nature

Excellent- thanks so much Rhonda!

-----Original Message-----

From: Rhonda McBride
To: Governor Sarah Palin
To: Kris Perry
Sent: Sep 3, 2008 10:26 AM
Subject: Alaska's Rural Nature

Saw an article this morning putting down Alaska as a state with a small population.... that governing its small population really wasn't a big deal.

In reality it's just the opposite.

Alaska is really like five or six states. And governing it is much more complicated than most states.

The federal government pioneered new aviation technology in Alaska, because it encompasses more geographic challenges than any other state. From the rain forests of Southeast... to the formidable peaks of Denali... to the tundra of Southwest... to the arctic ocean in Barrow.... Alaska is almost like a nation within a nation. The challenges of just about every rural community in America have been played out in Alaska.

Almost all branches of the military regularly use Alaska for training because of these challenges. With more miles of coastline than any other state, Alaska is on the forefront of climate change -- and the military is looking at helping us to move entire communities out of harm's way as an exercise in readiness training.

Alaska's peoples are incredibly diverse. We still hear Tlingit, Yupik and Athabascan, ancient Native languages spoken -- along with more than a hundred languages spoken in the Anchorage school district. Alaska's strategic location has made it the crossroads for the world.

This mix of cultures and challenges have made Alaska an exciting place, where America's can do spirit lives in our state's unique solutions -- whether it's as complex as building a natural gas pipeline... or running a dog team across a thousand miles of wilderness.

Just some thoughts...

Hope they help.

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From: Julie Grant [jaglnak@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 6:11 PM
To: tcwebmail (EED sponsored)
Cc: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Ledoux; Larry S (EED)
Subject: Re: Subject: Education_ Julie Grant

Dear TC Department,

Please forward this message to your supervisors.

I work at Campbell Elementary School. In my building alone three teachers (Sarah Hooker, Amanda Sparks and myself, Julie Grant) are waiting for their yellow cards to accept contracts from the Anchorage School District. Our 18 days to teach in a classroom without certification is up on September 8. We have all experienced the same lack of customer service regarding phone calls and e-mails that have been ignored or answers that are non-responsive. Your department does not provide a free service to Alaska's teachers. In fact, a certificate costs about a day's salary.

The three of us are frustrated and we feel helpless. Our lives are truly in limbo waiting for our "yellow cards." We are without job security, insurance and the rights of contracted teachers.

I have had my certificate renewed before. It took two weeks. When I had questions regarding my application a representative helped me immediately by phone. The current situation of your department is so outrageous it deserves to be investigated. The hardship this has caused me and other teachers in my position is extreme. If this situation is not rectified to my satisfaction by Friday, September 5, I will contact an attorney to represent my interests as well as the news media. I now realize that I have teachers in my own building with the same issues. I'm quite certain with a little more investigating I will find a news worthy story to present to the local news media. With all eyes on Alaska's politics this isn't a good time.

Teachers are a valuable resource and they deserve to be treated with respect.

Sincerely,

Julie Grant

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From: tcwebmail (EED sponsored) <tcwebmail@alaska.gov>
To: Julie Grant <jaglnak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2008 11:30:18 AM
Subject: RE: Subject: Education_ Julie Grant

Thank you for your suggestions. As we have previously mentioned, we are not able to provide any processing times, but you may check back on the status as often as you like.

Teacher Certification
Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
801 West 10th Street, Suite 200
PO Box 110500
Juneau, AK 99811-0500
(907) 465-2831

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www.eed.state.ak.us/teacher certification

NOTICE: Effective April 1, 2008, Teacher Certification will only accept cashier's checks, money orders, and credit cards.

From: Julie Grant [mailto:jaglnak@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tue 9/2/2008 5:24 PM
To: tcwebmail (EED sponsored)
Subject: Re: Subject: Education_ Julie Grant

Are you capable of answering simple questions? You have had my application for nearly three weeks. I just want to know that it is in a pile of applications to be processed. How much longer do you expect it to take to process applications received on August 15? I am sure you have the ability to estimate.

Let me lay out a plan for you to take to your supervisors:

1. Applications received should be stamped with the date received.
2. A clerk or a receptionist should open all incoming applications and check them for completeness
3. Incomplete applications should be returned immediately to the sender for completion
4. Complete applications get logged into the database as pending/received- yellow card status
5. Cash checks and run credit cards-- based on the numbers Meredith gave you are collecting about \$250,000 in revenue
6. Separate renewal applications from new certificate applications
7. Place one team on renewing applications and one team on new certificates.

In my estimation it should take five minutes maximum to check an application for completeness. A clerk or a receptionist can process applications for pending status.

Instead of blaming this problem on me, take some responsibility for your work. I am not the only teacher in a holding pattern waiting for your department to process our applications.

----- Original Message -----

From: tcwebmail (EED sponsored) <tcwebmail@alaska.gov>
To: jaglnak@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2008 12:20:05 PM
Subject: RE: Subject: Education_ Julie Grant

Your emails have not been ignored. We're replying to emails that we receive. There could be a possibility that your email was filtered by our spam filter. It is required to be set on the highest level due to the large amount of spam mail that comes into this email.

We are only able to acknowledge receipt when the application has been reviewed, however, it seems that you have postal confirmation of receipt, so you may go by that. Applications are considered effective as of the date a complete application is received.

We did look up your file and notice that you are renewing a certificate. Please note that we always suggest that a renewal is submitted six months in advance of the expiration date. In your case, we would have accepted your application as early as February.

Teacher Certification
Alaska Department of Education & Early Development

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PO Box 110500
Juneau, AK 99811-0500
(907) 465-2831
www.eed.state.ak.us/teachercertification

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From: Julie Grant [mailto:jaginak@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tue 9/2/2008 11:31 AM
To: tcwebmail (EED sponsored)
Subject: Re: Subject: Education_ Julie Grant

I have sent numerous e-mails to your office that have been ignored, so have my phone calls-- I do have the records. I have had direct contact with Meredith Boman and Commissioner Ledoux. I have sent e-mails to Governor Palin's office. I have asked repeatedly for confirmation that my application was received by your office. That request has been ignored, even when my e-mails have been answered. I want to know that my application is in the pile. The post office delivered it 18 days ago. I want to know what week of applications you are working on currently.

I am furious that this process has taken so long. It is outrageous that anyone should have to wait this long to get answers that are not helpful. This hold up has caused an enormous hardship in professional and personal life.

Please answer my questions.

Julie Grant

-- On Tue, 9/2/08, tcwebmail (EED sponsored) <tcwebmail@alaska.gov> <tcwebmail@alaska.gov>
> Subject: Subject: Education_ Julie Grant
> To: jaginak@yahoo.com
> Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2008, 10:47 AM
> Julie,
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> We don't have record of receiving any emails from you,
> and as indicated in our phone message, email is the quickest
> way to correspond with our office.
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> We have not yet reviewed your application. Feel free to
> check back at anytime on the progress. We're reviewing
> mail everyday and processing it in the order in which it is
> received.
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> Teacher Certification
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> Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
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> To: Calhoon, Chad L (EED)
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> Would you please forward this email to the appropriate
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 > unable to respond to each and every email herself, your
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& to get my teaching certificate renewed for
> the last two weeks. The department that handles teaching
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> not answered a single question asked. After two weeks, I
> finally got through to Meredith Boman, who said that my
> application has not been reviewed and they have no idea when
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> application entered as being received for me to sign a
> teaching contract for the Anchorage School District. I am
> currently teaching in the position that has been offered to
> me. In eight days I will no longer be able to teach in this
> position, because I do have a certificate. My husband is
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Randy,

Tom Miller here, in Ketchikan. I thought you might like to see this e-mail I sent off to the media big shots this morning. I would send it to her and to the Republican establishment, but have no idea how to do that or how long before anyone might see it.

Good luck in the new job.

Go Palin!

Tom Miller
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From: Tom Miller <tommler@ketchikandailynews.com>
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Subject: Palin's record — in Ketchikan — about the Bridge to Nowhere

Dear Media Moguls,

I am Tom Miller, a reporter at the Ketchikan Daily News for the past 18 years. Ketchikan is the town on the other end of the Bridge to Nowhere.

Don't be fooled by bloggers or others saying Palin was inconsistent about the bridge when she was in Ketchikan, offering limited support for the project, compared to how she acted as governor, when she nixed it in its expensive form.

Here are stories written by our Ketchikan Daily News reporter, Scott Bowlen, about Palin in Ketchikan while running for governor, and what she said later when she cut the bridge from consideration. I've highlighted portions I think are pertinent to her stand on the issue.

She emphasized "reasonableness" and said at the beginning, in the first statement I know of on the topic, that the bridge, as promoted, was "grandiose."

It's important to realize there were about 13 alternative designs for this bridge. It was the

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To: Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
Subject: Re: Un-Flippin-Bellevable!

Can you flippinbelieveit?! Thanks for your kind words- and for keeping the homes fire burning. Thank you! We love you guys!

-----Original Message-----

From: Pat Galvin
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Aug 29, 2008 11:32 PM
Subject: Un-Flippin-Bellevable!

We are so proud and excited for you. Great speech, too! We'll catch you on the other side, enjoy the ride.

As always, let me know if there is anything I can do for you. God speed!

-Pat

Sent from my iPhone

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community that insisted on the most expensive version for various reasons.

From our Aug. 9, 2006, edition, when Palin campaigned in Ketchikan:

Palin: It's about service to people

By SCOTT BOWLEN

Daily News Staff Writer

While her opponents in the Aug. 22 gubernatorial primary election might be fighting to attract support from the state's Republican Party machinery, Sarah Palin says her support is more from the independent, grass-roots Republicans who believe in the planks of the party's platform: Sound resource development, respect for equality, and support for competition and free enterprise.

"It's all about serving people," Palin said Saturday in Ketchikan.

"It's not about cronyism and the networks and the buying and selling of influence via special interests and big campaign fundraisers," she said. "I'm not into that. I'm not going to do that. That's not the way I'm campaigning. That's not the way I will serve Alaskans as governor."

Palin, 42, was visiting Ketchikan for the Blueberry Arts Festival, where she had campaign booth.

It was Palin's first campaign stop in Ketchikan for the governor's race. She'd visited in 2002 while running for lieutenant governor in the Republican primary election, a five-candidate race that she lost to Loren Leman by a vote of 21,076 to 19,114 (29.3 percent to 26.2 percent).

Although this is her second statewide campaign, Palin's best known in Wasilla, where she served two terms on the Wasilla City Council and six years as the city's mayor.

Wasilla has a "strong mayor" form of municipal government, meaning that the mayor serves as the municipality's manager.

Palin said her accomplishments in that role included reducing property taxes every year she was in office; eliminating personal property taxes and attracting investment to Wasilla.

In 2003, Gov. Frank Murkowski appointed Palin and Alaska Republican Party Chair Randy Ruedrich to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Palin, who became chair of the commission, resigned in 2004 after finding that Ruedrich was conducting party business on state time.

She also was involved in a formal ethics complaint against then-Attorney General Gregg Renkes, who later resigned the post.

"I haven't been hesitant to speak up and speak out when I see things amiss in the state administration, in the Republican Party," Palin told reporters Saturday in Ketchikan. "I haven't hesitated in speaking up for Alaskans, many of whom have expected me to do the right thing and not allow obsessive partisanship get in the way of doing the right thing."

Palin talked with reporters about several issues of state and local interest, including the Murkowski administration's proposed natural gas pipeline contract and changes to the state's oil production taxes.

Palin said the state's overall goal should be a "mutually beneficial relationship" with the multinational oil corporations.

She noted that her husband, Todd Palin, has worked in oil production on the North Slope for 18 years.

"I so appreciate and respect these multinational corporations' contributions to our state, both personally — my family's bread and butter — and as a regulator, understanding what the multinationals provide to the national economy and our state economy," she said.

Palin said she understands that oil company shareholders require their executives to stay focused on the companies' bottom lines.

However, Alaska's CEO, the governor, has a constitutional mandate to look out for the state's people and not concede anything more than necessary to advance natural resource projects, she said.

Palin believes the gas line contract and oil tax changes should be separate issues.

Regarding oil production taxes, Palin said she prefers a simple system based on the gross value of a barrel of oil rather than the governor's proposed system of taxing the companies' net profits.

"The problem ... with a production profits tax is, let the accounting games begin," Palin said. "We will have to create a bureaucracy to audit British Petroleum and ConocoPhillips and what they report to us as their expenses and their profits."

Palin said she doesn't "have a lot of faith" in where the proposed natural gas pipeline contract is heading. She said Murkowski's proposal isn't an actual contract to build the pipeline, just the terms of an agreement so the

oil companies can study whether they might build a pipeline at some time in the future.

She said the process toward a gas pipeline should involve entities competing for the right to tap the resource, "We should have a competitive and flexible environment, considering all viable options for this gas line, instead of just negotiating (with) Exxon and British Petroleum," Palin said.

Another problem she sees is that the proposed contract doesn't contain a guarantee that there will be in-state use of Alaska's gas.

"We're looking at — and it's an abhorrent thought to me — importing natural gas as Alaska is sitting on some of the richest reserves on the globe," she said. "If we don't have a right to tap our own resources and fuel our homes, our businesses, our economy first ... then the deficiencies in this gas line contract or agreement are too great and we should not go forward with it."

She acknowledged, however, that the Legislature could decide those issues within the next few days, long before she would occupy the governor's chair.

"I understand if the legislators so choose, that will be what I have to work with," she said.

Regarding her basic philosophy on general natural resource development issues, Palin said she adheres to the state constitution's requirement to maximize the benefits of resource development for the people of Alaska.

She said she also understands the "significance and the importance of a clean, safe, sound environment."

Maintaining that will allow Alaskans and Americans who are concerned about a "clean, healthy environment here" to support resource development in Alaska.

"We need their support," she said.

Support from other Americans and Alaskans is needed also to move forward with the proposed bridge between Revillagigedo and Gravina islands, she said.

"People across the nation struggle with the idea of building a bridge because they've been under these misperceptions about the bridge and the purpose," said Palin, who described the link as the Ketchikan area's potential for expansion and growth.

The Ketchikan community now needs to have a strong, unified effort to say whether it wants the bridge or not.

"And if you want the thing, there needs to be good justification," she said.

"There needs to be the reasonableness that the rest of Alaska and the rest of the United States wants to see."

She said that reasonableness could include a compromise in design and cost, such as limiting the link to a single span instead of the two-span Revilla-Pennock-Gravina route.

"It's pretty grandiose here, what is proposed," she said.

Palin said Alaska's congressional delegation worked hard to obtain funding for the bridge as part of a package deal and that she "would not stand in the way of the progress toward that bridge."

She said she's been reading a lot about the stalled Swan Lake-Tyce Lake electrical intertie, and it sounds like the state and federal government are pointing fingers, with each entity not wanting to provide funding until the other one does.

"With as much investment as has already gone into this project, if it's good for the consumer, then yes, we need to contribute to this basic infrastructure," she said.

The intertie would be a "backbone" to the region's economy, she said.

Regarding Ballot Measure 2, part of which would create a state \$50 per-passenger tax on cruise ship visitors, Palin said she sees both sides of the issue.

Tourists use municipal infrastructure that is paid for by local property tax payers, and she'd like to see "all industries contribute to eventually lead to lower property taxes across Alaska," she said. "On the other hand, inherently, I just don't like taxes."

She said she'll be listening to the "mom-and-pop" visitor businesses that cater to the independent travelers.

"If they tell me they are adversely affected by this head tax, I don't support it," she said. "The multinational

corporations, those ships that are flagged in the Bahamas or other areas so they can escape the U.S. corporate income tax and all the other kind of other loopholes they fit into, I'm not as worried about them as I am about Alaskan-owned businesses."

Palin said the state needs to get state politics out of the Alaska Marine Highway System to allow ferry users and the system's operators to cooperatively discuss the transportation needs of Southeast Alaska.

The ferry system is Southeast's transportation system and it deserves respect, she said.

"We have our roads in Southcentral Alaska, (and) we put a lot of resources toward improvements constantly in the road system," Palin said. "I think the ferry system deserves the same."

Palin said she has supported building a road to Juneau for years, but doesn't believe the current "Juneau Access" proposal necessarily addresses the issue because it still requires a ferry ride.

"I don't look at what's proposed as a road out of Juneau when it goes to an as-yet-to-be-built ferry terminal," she said.

Also, Palin said she has lots of concerns about the project's cost and maintenance issues.

Palin added that she thinks Juneau already is "doing a wonderful job as a community in allowing and creating more access to the seat of government — and I would like to see the seat of government stay there in Juneau."

Palin's husband has a limited entry permit for the commercial set gillnet fishery in Bristol Bay.

Taking aim at the recent federal rationalization processes for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands crab and now groundfish, Palin said she's a proponent of free enterprise and competition in the commercial fishing industry. "I want fishermen and fishing communities to be able to have much more of a say in where they are able to sell their fish," Palin said, noting crew job losses and the "processor share" aspect of the crab rationalization program.

"We need to be ever vigilant on the proposals for the processor shares that take away a fisherman's right to sell to whomever they deem is the best buyer who will provide the best market for their products," she said.

Standing up for all Alaskans is a central tenant of Palin's campaign, as is the concept of "positive change."

Palin readily admits that some of her opponents in the GOP Republican primary election field of Frank Murkowski, John Binkley, Gerald Heikes and Merica Hlatcu have more political experience than she.

But she said that during her earlier campaign for lieutenant governor, people were telling her, "all those years of experience don't necessarily lead to better public service. Maybe we do need new vision, new energy, new ideas."

"That's what I had to offer then, and what I have to offer now," Palin said.

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Here's one from Oct. 2, 2006, when she came to Ketchikan to debate other candidates:

Palin says to band together

By SCOTT BOWLEN

Daily News Staff Writer

Sarah Palin believes Alaskans must start working together — avoiding excessive partisanship and regional divides — to advance a pro-Alaska agenda for building the infrastructure that the state needs to prosper.

"Really banding together, defending one another, defending our regions when we're up against so much across the nation right now," Palin told local media Sept. 20 before the gubernatorial candidate forum in Ketchikan.

Palin, a former mayor of Wasilla, is the Republican candidate for governor, facing Democrat Tony Knowles and independent candidate Andrew Halcro in the Nov. 7 general election.

Her participation in the candidate forum marked her second campaign appearance in the Ketchikan; the first was during the Blueberry Arts Festival in early August before the GOP primary election in which she defeated Gov. Frank Murkowski and challenger John Binkley.

After winning that election, said Palin, a lot of the early focus has been on fund-raising ("my least favorite part of the campaign").

But there've also been efforts to repair relationships within the state Republican party damaged during the contentious primary election.

"There's still some fences there, I guess, to be mended, but my mission there is — even in Anchorage where the party headquarters and the party hierarchy are — focusing on uniting all Alaskans, not just those in the Republican party who may not want to get on the train and move forward with the candidate who maybe was not their chosen one," Palin said.

In that regard, Palin said she's encouraged by what she's seen across the state during the campaign thus far.

Asked what issues she's hearing about from Southeast Alaskans, Palin said many residents here feel they've been ignored in some sense.

"I'm hearing from a lot of Southeast residents who believe that maybe they haven't been given their due respect," she said. "Part of my agenda is making sure that Southeast is heard. That your projects are important. That we go to bat for Southeast when we're up against federal influences that aren't in the best interest of Southeast."

She cited the widespread negative attention focused on the Gravina Island crossing project.

"We need to come to the defense of Southeast Alaska when proposals are on the table like the bridge and not allow the spinmeisters to turn this project or any other into something that's so negative," Palin said.

The Gravina bridge proposal has been a priority of Govs. Frank Murkowski, Tony Knowles and previous governors as well as the Alaska Department of Transportation, said Palin.

"There needs to be a link between Ketchikan and its future and its future opportunities and progress, opening up land in this area," she said.

Palin said she was excited to see road construction projects under way in Ketchikan, which she views as a good sign of progress and recognition that infrastructure is necessary for economic opportunity.

Her focus while in municipal government was on providing road, water and sewer infrastructure, she said.

"Making sure that government plays the proper role in providing the tools for the private sector to grow and to progress," Palin said.

She addressed large-scale infrastructure projects in Southeast Alaska such as the half-completed Swan Lake-Tyee Lake electrical intertie and the Juneau Access road.

Palin said she still hasn't heard "any compelling reason" that the Swan-Tyee link should not be finished. The state and federal governments should be working together toward the final funding package.

"I want to see that project completed also, and provide low-cost energy for this area," Palin said. "That's a foundation of growth and opportunity — low-cost energy."

Palin added that the state has begun studying a power link between Southeast Alaska and the Canadian/Lower 48 electrical grid, but should stay focused on one project.

"I think we need to stay focused on one or the other and not kind-of half heartedly put in tens of millions of dollars like we have so far in this Swan-Tyee intertie, and then kind of shift gears a bit there, and start looking at another connection elsewhere," she said.

Regarding the Juneau Access project, Palin said she and many other Alaskans want to be able to drive to the capital city, adding that the ability to do so would remove an argument used by supporters of moving the capital.

The Juneau Road would allow the Alaska Marine Highway System to redirect ferry resources away from Lynn Canal and provide more consistent service to other Southeast Alaska communities that rely on ferry service.

"It's kind of a domino effect ... and that's one of the sensible things that I think should take place," she said.

Palin also voiced support for the AMHS and the Ketchikan Shipyard.

She also commented on timber and mining issues, noting that extreme environmental groups and some within the federal government oppose the development of Alaska's natural resources.

Palin said Alaska is obligated by its statehood compact and constitution to develop its resources so it can be less reliant on the federal government.

"The governor has to defend Alaska's interests and go to bat for that idea of making sure that we have access to our timber, to our resource development, so we can fulfill the obligations that we have," she said.

The state's Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute is doing a "fine job" of informing the world about the health and cleanliness of seafood produced here, but more work is needed to improve the fishing industry itself, according to Palin.

"I'm a commercial fisherman, my husband and I, in Bristol Bay," she said.

"(I recognize) that statewide we need to start looking at doing some things differently to revitalize the industry, to market the industry even better."

More competition among processors for fishermen's catch would help boost the value for the harvesters, she said, using her own fishery as an example.

"I sell my fish in Bristol Bay to Peter Pan ... because they're the only processors there," she said. "If we had competing buyers in the region ... I think you'd see more value for the product that we're supplying."

The state can have a role in allowing the needed competition, said Palin.

If elected, she said, her administration would work toward achieving a balance among the fishermen, regions and processors. One way to do that is to get politics out of the board and council processes that decide Alaska fishery issues.

"In the past we have seen some special interests, it seems to be, dictating some of the decisions that have been made, when we talk about with rationalization in the Kodiak area especially, and processor shares which resulted in about 30 percent fewer crew members being needed, the jobs in the local communities being eliminated because of rationalization in some areas," Palin said.

"We have to look at balance in these decisions that are being made, and understand that what is good for the fishermen is good for the processors and it's good for the local communities," Palin said.

Regarding another industry of importance in Southeast Alaska, Palin was asked whether she would look at changing some aspects of the recently approved state Ballot Measure 2 that institutes a \$50 state head tax on cruise ship passengers along with several other requirements of cruise ship operations and disclosures of some business price mark-up information.

Palin said it was too early to say the ballot measure has caused negative impacts on the industry. She said the measure itself was long and convoluted, but she believes most Alaska voters focused on the head tax in making their decision.

"I think that's what caught their attention and I think there's an atmosphere right now anyway, of distrust of government in this state, distrust of industry," Palin said. "And I think this was a tool that a lot of Alaska voters used to say, 'Come on now, these are outside interests coming in to utilize our infrastructure and all these attributes of Alaska. That industry needs to pay its fair share.'"

Any legal challenge to the ballot measure more likely would be directed at its non-tax provisions, she said. "If there's going to be litigation and a challenge, A, we need to figure out what is the grave concern," Palin said.

For example, if the measure's requirement for disclosure of certain kinds of proprietary information causes problems for businesses and violates existing law, "I could see that that's where this litigation will go," she said.

Palin said she thinks the \$50 cruise head tax should provide some relief for local property tax payers.

"I think that was kind of inferred as part of the deal also — that as cruise ship passengers help with the infrastructure improvements, that will lessen the burden on local property tax payers," she said. "I hope that local property tax payers do see that relief so they're not ... disenchanted with this type of system."

Speaking of another type of revenue relief, Palin said it's a "shame" that the state's program to share part of its revenues with municipalities has "dried up."

She said the state could afford municipal revenue sharing back when the price of oil, the primary source of state government revenue, was at \$9 a barrel. Now, with oil prices much higher, the state says it can't afford the program, said Palin.

"Local government is the most responsive and responsible level of government," Palin said. "Where the wealth of the state can be trickled down into local communities and into the hands of the people that live here, and the local communities can prioritize best for the needs, the services to be provided."

Sharing revenue also helps curtail "overgrowth" of state government, she said.

Overall, said Palin, there's a recognition within Alaska that it's time to start working together and not allowing "politics as usual" to get in the way of the state's progress. That includes defending Alaska's interests on the national level.

"Alaska's not looked at real highly by many across the nation and that's so unfortunate because the people who live here are good, hardworking people who don't necessarily want a lot of government in their lives," Palin said. "But the infrastructure that's needed here in order for it to get on the right road to self-sufficiency, we do need that cooperation with the federal government and we do need cooperation from the other 49 states to help us progress."

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Finally, published on Sept. 22, 2007, when the decision was made to not support the expensive version:

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Palin nixes F-1 bridge alternative; local reps disappointed to hear it

By SCOTT BOWLEN
Daily News Staff Writer
and The Associated Press

Gov. Sarah Palin announced Friday that the state's preferred alternative for the Gravina Access project is no longer an option, making official what the state transportation commissioner warned the community at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon here last month. But Palin has indicated that she'll take local mayors up on their invitation to come to Ketchikan to discuss access issues.

Palin has directed the Alaska Department of Transportation to look for "the most fiscally responsible alternative" for linking Revillagigedo Island with Gravina Island and the Ketchikan International Airport.

"Ketchikan desires a better way to reach the airport, but the \$398 million bridge is not the answer," Gov. Sarah Palin said in a prepared statement.

Other bridge options can be considered, said Sharon Leighow, Palin's deputy press secretary.

But any bridge option will cost "hundreds of millions of dollars," Leighow said. She said the Ketchikan Gateway Borough had asked DOT to look at ferry options, "and that's what we're going to focus on."

About \$36 million in federal money intended for Gravina Access now will be available for other projects in Alaska, according to the announcement.

Palin has directed DOT Commissioner Leo von Scheben to develop a list of uses for that money.

"There is no question we desperately need to construct new roads in this state, including in Southeast Alaska, where skyrocketing costs for the Alaska Marine Highway System present an impediment to the state's budget and the region's economy," von Scheben said in a prepared statement.

Local mayors and legislators voiced strong displeasure with Palin's decision — and with the idea that even more of the federal funding that had been sought by community members, legislators and the Alaska congressional delegation to improve access to Gravina likely will be used elsewhere.

In addition, the Palin administration and DOT did not attempt to contact Sen. Bert Stedman, R-Sitka, co-chair of the Senate Finance Committee, or Rep. Kyle Johansen, R-Ketchikan, chair of the House Transportation Committee, about the decision until Friday morning.

"I am livid," Johansen said Friday afternoon.

He said the governor's decisions, von Scheben's comments in the press release and the absence of effort to involve the local community display a lack of respect, statesmanship and leadership.

"I think obviously there's a disconnect with the governor's office and what's important to this community," Johansen said.

Ketchikan Gateway Borough Mayor Joe Williams and City of Ketchikan Mayor Bob Weinstein said they learned of the decision via Palin's press release and press reports on Friday morning.

"I think we're disappointed as much in the process of the decision and how we got to that decision as much as the decision itself," Weinstein said on behalf of himself and Williams during a press conference late Friday morning.

The mayors and lawmakers questioned the governor's action in light of her many calls for open and transparent government.

"We got (Friday's) news release like everyone else did," Williams said. "Where is the participation of the local people? Would she do this to her local constituents in Wasilla?"

Stedman said that improving access to Gravina has been an economic priority for Ketchikan, the State of Alaska and the congressional delegation for more than 30 years.

"I'm shocked that the governor would ignore the significant energy, hard work and financial resources already invested in the project," Stedman said.

Republicans U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens and U.S. Rep. Don Young championed the project through Congress two years ago, securing \$223 million in funds for the bridge.

Under mounting political pressure over pork projects, Congress stripped the earmark — or stipulation — that the money be used for the airport.

Ultimately, Congress still sent the money to the state, but for any use it deemed appropriate. The state eventually took much of that money for other projects around the state.

A spokeswoman from Young's office said he would have no comment. Stevens spokesman Aaron Saunders said Friday that Stevens is interested in how the state uses remaining funds. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said safe and reliable access to the airport has been a Ketchikan priority for more than three decades.

"When the State of Alaska requested resources to build a bridge, the congressional delegation worked hard to secure funding," Murkowski said in a prepared statement. "It is unfortunate for the people of Ketchikan that the state has chosen to re-prioritize its support of the project."

Though the earmark was removed, it still is being held up as the centerpiece example of waste and poor prioritizing by lawmakers.

Just last month, presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, weighed in, saying pet projects could have played a role in a Minnesota bridge collapse that killed 13 people.

"Maybe if we had done it right, maybe some of that money would have gone to inspect those bridges and other bridges around the country," McCain told a group of people in a town-hall style meeting in Ankeny, Iowa.

"Maybe the 200,000 people who cross that bridge every day would have been safer than spending \$233 million of your tax dollars on a bridge in Alaska to an island with 50 people on it."

Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Member Mike Painter said the label "bridge to nowhere," is misplaced.

"The fact is, that's our international airport across the channel," Painter said. "Somewhere in the neighborhood of 300,000 people go back and forth annually to the airport."

On Friday, Palin's statement said the Ketchikan-Gravina project was \$329 million short of getting fully funded.

"The federal government is less and less interested in continuing to fund these projects, she said. "It can't be a state priority for DOT when we have much-needed road and bridge improvements. Our intention is to work with the community to find a sensible and efficient shuttle connection, a better ferry service."

The bridge alternative that's now officially off the table is the so-called "F-1" option, which includes two high bridges, one each over the east and west channels of Tongass Narrows, respectively, and touching on Pennock Island. Identified as the project's preferred alternative in the 2005 final Gravina Access Environmental Impact Statement, the F-1 option is estimated by the state to cost about \$398 million.

"We will continue to look for options for Ketchikan to allow better access to the island," Palin said. "The concentration is not going to be on a \$400 million bridge."

Weinstein said DOT has "padded" its bridge estimates, while low-balling estimates for projects that he said the agency would rather build.

"The cost of the proposed Ketchikan project had been repeatedly hyper-inflated while the cost for other projects, such as the Juneau Access road, have been consistently underestimated or have had no inflation because a nucleus of Southeast DOT people and other DOT staff members, which, in my mind, are members of what can best be described as a cabal, happen to be proponents of other projects," Weinstein said.

John MacKinnon, DOT's deputy commissioner for highways, said Friday that \$398 million estimate resulted from several factors, including the type of design needed to satisfy the desires for cruise ships to be able to pass underneath and for no structures higher than the bridge deck to interfere with float plane traffic.

"As this thing evolved ... almost everything about it is probably the most expensive thing you could have done," MacKinnon said.

He added that inflation rates for construction using concrete and steel have increased "significantly" in recent years.

"The comment that we have artificially inflated the cost of the bridge, I don't buy that," MacKinnon said.

He said the federal National Environmental Policy Act requires the state to re-open the EIS record of decision, re-examine the alternatives, and select a new alternative.

"We're not starting from scratch," MacKinnon said of the process. "A vast amount of the work has already been done."

But the lawmakers and mayors question the state's interest in the project.

"If you're the DOT and you do not want to build this project—like DOT has not wanted to build this project forever—what do you do?" Johansen said.

More study adds further delay and cost, he said.

"Every year that you wait it gets more expensive," Johansen said. "It's a waiting game. ... It's basically a stall tactic to kill the project."

Weinstein noted that DOT officials have said that different types of hard links, such as a steel bridge, might cost in the more-affordable range of \$200 million to \$220 million.

"But certainly, even if the hard access turns out to be not affordable under the current climate, there clearly needs to be improvements to the ferry system, especially for long-term benefit of this community," Weinstein said. "By taking the money, that can't even happen."

The state's original diversion of a large portion of the \$223 million in federal highway funding to other projects still rankles many in Ketchikan. Losing what's described as the remaining \$36 million in federal funds for projects elsewhere is especially difficult to take, said the mayors and lawmakers.

"It should not be spread over the state of Alaska," Williams said. "The state of Alaska did

not seek after those funds. It was the community of Ketchikan that sought after the funds. If the decision was ever made that a bridge was not affordable, those funds should still remain in the community of Ketchikan, and if (that) means just living off the interest to operate our ferry system, then so be it."

Johansen also took exception to von Scheben's comment that increased costs for the state ferry system are impeding the state budget and the region's economy.

"This is not a subsidy; the marine system is integral to our economy," he said. "If the governor can find a road in Alaska that makes money I will go up there and do a jig on it." Johansen noted that he, Stedman and Williams attended the Southeast Conference meeting this week in Skagway. Several DOT officials were present, but they didn't mention that a bridge decision was being made, he said.

Stedman said Palin's advocacy of open and transparent government "certainly doesn't seem to exist in this case."

"This governor never misses an opportunity to advocate for involving Alaskans in the governmental decision-making process," Stedman said in a prepared statement. "So it's troubling that she would take such drastic unilateral action without consulting either the Legislature or the affected community."

Williams and Weinstein extended the invitation to Palin to visit Ketchikan and talk with the community about the decision and improving access to Gravina.

"I don't want her to send her employees," Williams said. "It was not her employees that made that decision. It was her that made that decision. ... I want her to bring her people who helped her make that decision and explain to us in person, why the bridge was cut."

Palin administration spokesperson Leighow said that, "If a community leader feels slighted, it certainly wasn't intentional."

Palin will accept the mayors' invitation, Leighow said.

"The governor looks forward to visiting Ketchikan and working on access issues," Leighow said.

Some of the reaction to the bridge decision Friday has been positive, as well.

That includes the Alaska Transportation Priorities Project, an Anchorage-based group that promotes "sensible transportation systems in the state.

"With federal funding in decline, the state doesn't have the money for new transportation mega-projects, so Gov. Palin was wise to cancel the Gravina bridge project," said ATPP Director Lois Epstein, who also urged Palin to "carefully scrutinize" the proposed Juneau Access and Knik Arm bridge projects.

Saying the group supports improved ferry access to Gravina, Epstein said the remaining federal money should stay in Ketchikan.

"With some upgrades and proper maintenance, the ferry system ... will serve the community and visitors well," she said in a prepared statement.

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From: McAllister, William D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=WDMCALLISTER]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 9:15 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Gov. Palin's Speech

Sent using BlackBerry

From: Phil
To: McAllister, William D (GOV)
Sent: Wed Sep 03 21:12:01 2008
Subject: Gov. Palin's Speech

Bill,

The Governor's speech was perfectly delivered. The best line was her own, the line about the difference between a hockey mom and a pit bull. The personal bio portion was the next most compelling. The boiler plate portion of the speech, the part the McCain hacks inserted, didn't do the ticket much good.

My two cents? The governor has better political instincts than McCain. She can charm the socks off America if McCain and "his people" will simply let Sarah Palin be Sarah Palin. The governor didn't get herself an eighty percent approval rating by being anyone other than who she is. I hope she'll remember that.

In my opinion, the governor simply needs to get up to national security, foreign affairs and economic and McCain policy positions speed. Once she does that, I'd tell her to let her own fine mind and good political instincts sort out what should be said and how best to say it.

My two cents,
Phil

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVERNOR]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 3:30 PM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (DOA)
Subject: FW: (Corrected) Time Sensitive for Trusted Staffer with Lead on VP Selection

From: Robert Steele [mailto:oss.net@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 4:20 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: jwkatz@alaskade.org
Subject: (Corrected) Time Sensitive for Trusted Staffer with Lead on VP Selection

CORRECTED to destroy docx and substitute doc in the proposed McCain stump speech.

For Michael Nizich in Juneau and John Katz in OC

I have faxed the attached to the numbers I have for both of you, but this being a holiday week-end, am hoping someone on duty might forward this time sensitive and politically helpful email for routing to the Governor.

CoS: Note the two deputy vice presidents, a perfect chance to bring in Senator Nunn for National Security and Mike Huckabee or someone else for Commonwealth. We can win this but not with politics as usual.

I can be up there this week-end if desired. My 24/7 cell is 703.242.1701.

Mr. Katz, should you wish, I would welcome an opportunity to be helpful to your office here in OC in any way possible. This is a historic opportunity and I not only want to be part of it, but I believe that Governor Palin was an inspired choice and merits the very best intellectual and substantive support we can all bring to bear. As one example, if someone were to email me scheduled appearances and intended focus, I could provide single pages, lots of white space, with substantive bullets and one powerful visualization. I can do this and remain invisible. Attached is a slide on energy that I developed for a new venture fund seeking to relate its proposed alternative energy strategy to every single threat and each of the twelve major policy domains. The one slide (simple or complex), developed with bullets, could help the Alaska Governor play the energy card in a much more nuanced and compelling manner.

I can be, if you wish it, an ace in the hole as a ghost writer. I knew Gore's staff during the long eight years, and I can tell you from that experience that what I learned was how a Vice President can waste eight years trying to be a second fiddle. A proper Vice President can and should be a combination of Chief Operating Officer freeing the President to focus on the strategic, "and" an iconoclast exploring unconventional solutions that are being filtered out by the legions that seek to protect their own access to the President. A Vice President that is "open" will win this. A vice president that creates a Citizens Cabinet online now, and spends two months with staff support leading a virtual cabinet of citizens who grapple with reality, limited resources, and needed trade-offs, ultimately coming up with a citizens balanced budget that she can point to in the week before the election as representative of the power of WE, will win this. I have spent eight years doing the homework and am eager to place all of this in the direct service of those whom she has learned to trust, i.e. the two of you and those you oversee.

Robert Steele
CEO, OSS.Net, Inc.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVERNOR]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:02 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Trig

From: ron martin [mailto:ronmartin@tds.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 3:50 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Trig

Hey Trig. Boy, did you luck out. Somebody up above must have pulled some strings to get you borned of the greatest family in Alaska and America. On the other hand, your parents got the best kid too. So, I guess it's just a good match. Hang in, Buddy! Ron Martin, GA.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:03 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Wedding Dress

From: Elizabeth [mailto:elizabeth@nicolematernitywholesale.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 8:07 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Wedding Dress

Dear Governor Palin,

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Best Regards,

Elizabeth Stack
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From: Jack Baker [jackbee3@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 9:40 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: CONGRATULATIONS

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:44 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: WICHE Policy Alert - September 2, 2008 - Community College Research Center: Policies and practices for dual enrollment in CA

From: Public Policy & Research [mailto:policy@wiche.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 9:38 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: WICHE Policy Alert - September 2, 2008 - Community College Research Center: Policies and practices for dual enrollment in CA

WICHE Policy Alerts - September 2, 2008 - Community College Research Center: Policies and practices for dual enrollment in CA

Recently released by the Community College Research Center, "Dual Enrollment Policies and Practices: Earning College Credit in California High Schools" (<http://www.tc.columbia.edu/centers/concurrentcourses/publications.html>) is intended to inform educators, policymakers, administrators, and researchers about current policies and practices that shape dual enrollment in California. The report clarifies current policy and shares examples of existing programs that are successfully providing college credit opportunities to California high school students. It draws from lessons learned in the development of the Concurrent Courses initiative.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 2:03 PM
To: Smith; Lynna M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Weekly: Business, the Elections, and You

From: membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 1:33 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Weekly: Business, the Elections, and You

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Tuesday, September 2, 2008

Business, the Elections, and You

By Tom Donohue, President and CEO



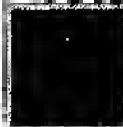
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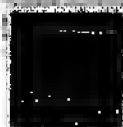
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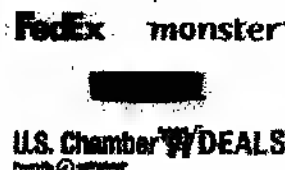


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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [janice.mason@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:36 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: 1964

This should go to communications – I forwarded to Sharon Leighow. Janice

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:14 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: 1964

Janice,
Did you want to respond to this??
Donna

From: Mills, Andy J (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 9:16 AM
To: Gary
Subject: RE: 1964

Gary-

I'm forwarding your message on to the Governor.
As you can imagine, our office has been inundated since the surprise announcement.

Kind Regards-
Andy Mills
Office of the Governor

From: Gary [mailto:garysitr@directcon.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 3:46 PM
To: Mills, Andy J (GOV)
Subject: 1964

how did sarah land in ak In1964 with her family she 's only 44 how can people believe your stuff when you cant get the story straight ?

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVERNOR]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:03 AM
To: Mason; Janice L. (GOV)
Subject: FW: Basketball Team???

From: Andrew Gordon [mailto:nodrog114@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 8:12 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Basketball Team???

Hi Sarah

I live in Northern Ireland, and am following the "Race for the Whitehouse" with great interest. It is refreshing to see a "new" face entering the race, and good luck in your quest - but that's not what I am e-mailing about!

We, too, have a Downs Syndrome son - Paul. He is 31 and an absolute joy. And he is a great playmaker on the basketball court! So don't stop in your aim to have a basketball team - all you need now is a few more for the bench!

Paul attends the local College; has qualifications in hairdressing; has canoed down many rivers in France; has represented Northern Ireland Mencap at soccer in 3 European Championships; he is on the path to compete in the Special Olympics in swimming; has spent six weeks in Cambridge, Toronto on work experience; and has been invited to be part of a theatre company 50 miles away from home for the coming year. He has a much fuller social life than my wife, Evelyn and me!!!

And Paul is just one of the many Downs adults in our area - all living full and fulfilling lives. So the future is bright for your little Trig. And I know that the rest of your children will be so proud of him - Paul's brothers and sister - all younger - adore him and even now that they are all living away from home, keep in touch with him by phone, letter and e-mail

Love Trig and cherish him - he is one of the special ones.

My mother once told me that not everybody is entrusted with a Downs Syndrome child - only those who need one! You know, I believe her!

Good luck in the future (and the race) Sarah, and give our love to the family, and a big hug for Trig

Y Andy Gordon

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From: gov.palin@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:36 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Appointment

I trust all is well with you Randy! Thanks so much for taking on these additional duties, for keeping the home fire burning, and for your intelligent and tireless work for Alaskans!

-----Original Message-----

From: Randy Ruaro
To: Sarah's Personal Email
Sent: Sep 1, 2008 12:10 PM
Subject: Appointment

Governor:

Thank you for the appointment and the confidence in me. I truly appreciate it, my family appreciates it, and I will do the best I can on every issue and assignment.

Randy

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From: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RHUGHES]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 10:47 PM
To: 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Kids 3378.jpg

He has indeed, Governor. We all have had FOX News on nonstop and have been hearing him. He's a great addition to the team. We are all so very proud of you, Governor. We miss you!
:)

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Sent: Thu Sep 04 20:41:28 2008
Subject: Re: Kids 3378.jpg

Hope all is well Rosanne! Bill M has done a great job on FOX while we've been here. Thanks for holding down the fort!

-----Original Message-----

From: Rosanne Hughes
To: Sarah's Personal Email
Sent: Aug 30, 2008 9:18 PM
Subject: Re: Kids 3378.jpg

Will do, Governor. How's Pennsylvania? We're praying for you.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
To: K Perry Yahoo <krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Kpererry <kpererry@mccain08hq.com>; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); McAllister, William D (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Sent: Sat Aug 30 17:27:48 2008
Subject: Fw: Kids 3378.jpg

Pls give to media this most recent pic of all the kids-it's the only one of all 5 of them.

-----Original Message-----

From: fek9wnr@yahoo.com

Date: Sun, 31 Aug 2008 01:08:10

To: Sarah Heath Palin<sp@hslak.com>; Sarah<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; Sarah
Palin<gov.palin@yahoo.com>

Subject: Kids 3378.jpg

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 7:44 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Two new ways to engage your at-risk students

From: Reaching At-Promise Students Association [mailto:mail@rapsa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 10:11 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Two new ways to engage your at-risk students

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 3:47 PM
To: Brian Nelson
Subject: RE: Need Your Help

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: Brian Nelson [mailto:brian0536@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 9:06 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Need Your Help

Dear Governor Sarah Palin,

Governor Palin My name is Brian Nelson. My Dad lives in Whittier. I spend every summer with him. This summer I worked at the restaurant at Portage Glacier. I am a 17-year-old senior at Pueblo West high school in Pueblo West, Colorado. It is my dream to fly helicopters. I am talking with an Army recruiter to go from high school to Army flight school. The recruiter said I need some reference letters from influential people to make this dream come true. You were the first person that came to mind. A reference letter from you would make my dream come true.

A little about me: My ASVAB score was a 92. I carry between a 3.8 and 3.9 GPA while taking accelerated classes at my high school. I bench 205 lbs and squat 245 lbs. I drive a 1992 Ford F-250, because it was all I could afford. I have never been in any kind of trouble with the law or at school. My parents call me low maintenance. My dad was in the Coast Guard for twelve years and my step-dad was Army for sixteen years. My passion is to fly helicopters, and I want to serve my country as my dad's did. I need a reference letter from you to have this dream come true.

When I told people, I was sending you a request for a reference letter a lot of them told me you would not even respond. My stepdad always told me, God determines what is possible and any dream can come true in America. The truth is a letter from you would pave the way to me appearing before the warrant officer enlistment board. Please write me a reference letter to be a flight warrant officer in the Army so I can realize my dream. I promise you to serve my country with pride and honor. Thank you for your help in living my dream.

This letter is coming to you in e-mail because it is the most cost effective means; also, my recruiter said that time is of the essence. The e-mail format is the quickest way I know. Besides texting, but that

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would be way too informal.

Sincerely,

Brian Nelson

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 5:22 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Provost, Kathryn T (GOV)
Subject: RE: Alaska Governor's Salary

I received a phone call that was from a different citizen but said almost the same thing!
Yes, I think we need to make Randy aware of what is being asked out there. Thanks, Janice

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 5:18 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Provost, Kathryn T (GOV)
Subject: FW: Alaska Governor's Salary

Janice - thoughts on who'll be addressing these kinds of concerns? Randy? Thanks!

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or
information you have sent are important and valua

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 7:49 AM
To: 'postmaster@sno.info'
Subject: RE: Very disappointed in the lack of context and quality of reporting in this story

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From: postmaster@sno.info [mailto:postmaster@sno.info]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 4:37 PM
To: ombudsmen@washpost.com
Cc: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Very disappointed in the lack of context and quality of reporting in this story

Dear Mr./Ms. Ombudsman

Very sad when I can do 20 min worth of Googling and call the Alaska OMB directly to get the complete story on this topic reported here

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/the-trail/2008/09/02/palin_slashed_funding_to_help.html

Mr. Kane doesn't put in context the Governor's veto, but instead calls a first time \$3.9 million dollar capital contribution a slash. There was no prior year funding and since this is a one time item, there may not be any future funding of this capital program.

Here's the back up on the original request.

http://www.gov.state.ak.us/omb/09_omb/budget/CapBackup/FY09/proj48722.pdf

SB 53 as signed had no funding for this program for the 2008 FY

The current budget DOES and was signed by the Governor. Going from \$0 to \$3.9 is a SLASH? C'mon. Is that good journalism? No context? No comments from the people receiving the grant? No comments for someone in the gov office in Alaska? How lazy. It was easy for me, I Googled the Alaska OMB, dialed the number and bingo got to talk to someone who could confirm what I was seeing in SOURCE DOCUMENTS online. Gosh the Internet is amazing (THANKS AL Gore!) heheheh....

If a woman sitting at a computer in Texas can ask the right questions and find the answers online, what does that tell you about the quality of reporting in this case?

Is this symptomatic of what I read on your website? I presume Mr. Kane is not a blogger and that the quality and standards of what I read from him and the other writers/reporters under the banner of the WP meets the

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traditional standards of journalism, right?

I guess the WP will now doing a story noting Palin's strong support for the expansion of the programs at Covenant House Alaska.

Hmmmmm. I don't think I'm going to hold my breath.....

sophia g
Austin

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 5:22 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Provost, Kathryn T (GOV)
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From: Alaska Miners Association [ama@alaskaminers.org]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 8:53 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: Scoping Concerns for the Delta River Management Plan

Dear Governor Palin,

Please find attached in pdf format a copy of a comment letter dated Sept. 5, 2008 from Steven C. Borell, P.E., Executive Director of the Alaska Miners Association sent to Mr. Heath Emmons of the Bureau of Land Management regarding scoping concerns for the Delta River Management Plan.

Thank you.

Sharon G Cox
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Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 7:53 AM
To: 'Rolland B Heiss'
Subject: RE: First Gentleman of Alaska

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Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 3:57 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: First Gentleman of Alaska

Dear Governor's office,

Is there any way to contact Mr. Todd Palin and request an autographed photo from the 4 time Iron Dog champion? We'd sure love that down here in Washington State! Perhaps you could be so kind as to forward this request to him?

Rolland and Amy Heiss

1202 S. West St.

Airway Heights, WA 99001

Thank you for your time,

Rolland and Amy

rbheiss@juno.com

Easy-to-use, advanced features, flexible phone systems. Click here for more info.

<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL2141/fc/Ioyw6i3ohtZxVaTFNdNZoPV4DuNWCwH2eEuccjEmQADoRxYVmdCBj1/>

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From: Sheffield, William J. [SheffieldWJ@ci.anchorage.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 2:32 PM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); McAllister; William D (GOV)
Subject: Invitation to VP Candidate Palin

September 5, 2008

Dear Governor Palin,

Your acceptance speech was excellent – over the top! If John McCain wanted to excite and energize his campaign, he really did it. You are doing a great job, in spite of a mean-spirited press corps. That will all settle down soon. All of the local and national press, the daily talk shows and the late night shows are all about Sarah Palin from that small town in Alaska. We are proud of you and your family.

I realize I'm taking a long shot here, but I'd like to see if you could come to Alaska for a few hours the week of September 21 through 25 to speak to the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) convention here in Anchorage. We are the first convention to be held in the impressive new Dena'ina Convention Center. In attendance will be some 700 people – Port Directors, Port Commissioners, and transportation, infrastructure and supply companies – from throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, South America and Mexico. We would be extremely proud if you could join us and briefly address this group as Alaska's Governor and as a Vice Presidential candidate.

We would of course accommodate your schedule at any time during those five days but some of the highlighted events where you could address the group are:

Tuesday, September 23rd – Opening ceremonies from 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This will be a spectacular event.

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Wednesday, September 24th – Prior to a luncheon that highlights AAPA awards or at 2:00 p.m. prior to the delegates' departure for a train ride from Anchorage to Grandview and return.

Thursday, September 25th – Anytime during that day but it would be very special to have you speak briefly at our Gala Dinner that gets underway at 6:30 p.m.

As you know, the new Dena'ina can accommodate up to 3,300 people and if you were to appear, I'm certain at least that many people would be there – AAPA delegates and Alaskans alike. Maybe an Alaska send-off rally?

Please think about it and I'd appreciate your giving it serious consideration. Thanks.

Bill Sheffield

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From: Jack Donohoe [mailto:JackD@cet.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 7:26 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Alaska Governor's Salary

As a 36 year resident and registered Independent, I would like to know if Governor Palin is being paid by the State of Alaska while she works for John McCain and the Republican Party. Are there regulations that preclude her collecting money for her state job when she obviously isn't spending any time on it at all? Is she taking a leave of absence? Is the Republican Party paying for travel or is Alaska paying for that? Our Governor should put Alaska and the citizens of Alaska first. That is what she was elected to do. If she is unwilling to do that she should resign. It is my opinion that her nasty speeches on the national level will turn off over half of the population and hurt Alaska's image.

Pat Wilson
pwilson@gci.net

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From: sp@hslak.com
Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2008 8:07 AM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Kperry
Subject: Earmarks

Hi karen!!!

What's AK's drop in earmark request?

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: sp@hslak.com
Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2008 6:13 AM
To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Thank you!!!

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To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Kperry
Subject: Commish

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]
Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2008 11:07 AM
To: 'sp@hslak.com'
Subject: RE: Thank you!!!

Thank you Governor for the opportunity. I will do my best in keeping things on track here and I will stay in contact with you as much as they will let me. You are an amazing lady. I really enjoyed getting to know your family they were all great to be around. Keep up the good work!

Mike

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Roger that!

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Subject: RE: Commish

I need to make an inquiry about if the two candidates are still interested considering all that has happened. There may be reluctance at this point because you may not be back after the November election. I will let you know.

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